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GAVIN LINDSAY CAMPBELL
Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 that all persons having claims or demands upon or against the Estate of GAVIN LINDSAY CAMPBELL deceased formerly of Shanghai China who died on the 3rd day of January 1938 at Edinburgh, Scotland are hereby requested on or before the 21st day of June 1939 to send in writing particulars of their claims or demands to the undersigned AND that after the said 21st day of June 1939 the undersigned will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to claims and demands of which the undersigned shall then have had notice and will not be answerable for the assets so distributed or any part thereof to any person of whose claim or demand the undersigned shall not then have had notice.

PLATT, WHITE-COOPER & CO.,
Solicitors for MONTGOMERY READER HARRIS the Attorney of Elsie Forbes Caie or Campbell, the Executrix of the above named deceased.

Shanghai, April 20, 1939. 12219

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIRST SPECIAL AREA IN SHANGHAI

NOTICE No. 3247

In re APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE of *The late* CHARLES HENRY ELLIG

Notice is hereby given to the public that:

WHEREAS Mrs. DOLORES LEIGH ELLIG and Miss BERTHA ELLIG have filed a petition with this Court for issuance to them of Letters of Administration for the above-mentioned Estate, stating in essence that the first petitioner is the relict and the second petitioner the sister of the late CHARLES HENRY ELLIG, an Austrian, who died on August 9, 1938, in Abbazia, Italy, at the age of 53, leaving 2,000 Shares Bute Plantations 1913 Ltd.; 3,000 Shares Padang Rubber Co.; 2,000 Shares Sua Manggis Rubber Co.; 50 Shares of the The Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ltd., and a cash deposit, including interest thereon, with the Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China, Ltd., Shanghai Branch, (amounting with interest up to August 9, 1938, to CNC $1,429.46), which estate is to be administered and inherited in equal shares by the petitioners in accordance with the Law.

Now Therefore publication hereof is made in the newspaper to notify the public that whosoever objects to such petition shall file such objection with this Court within the period commencing from the first day of the publication and ending on the twentieth day after the last day of the publication. If no objection has been filed within the above-specified period of time, the Court will forthwith grant Letters of Administration of the said Estate.

(Seal of the Court)

March 30, 1939. 12048

WARNING

IS HEREBY GIVEN that J. NILSEN'S SMOKE COMBUSTION INVENTION, Norwegian Patent No. 60673, has and or will be extended to cover all important industrial and shipping centres.

PARTIES who have been or are using the invention without the Inventor's written permission are requested to send the undersigned a statement of where and when used, whereupon such Parties will be charged 10 pence, plus 30 per cent. for each unit of one indicated h.p. involved.

Said statement to be in my hands before May 5, 1939.

Failing this, parties using or having used the invention unlawfully, will be prosecuted.

A. BIERMANN,
Attorney.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. ZIKSEN (祿克森), barrister-at-law, has been appointed legal adviser to the firm of CHING SUNG KEE (錦生記建築廠), General Building Contractor, and personal legal adviser to Mr. LIU CHING PAO (劉錦標), the owner of the said firm, and that the employment of Mr. WONG CHIEN LIANG (黃建亮) as staff member of the firm has terminated as from the present date. AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. ZIKSEN, having accepted the position as legal adviser to the above firm will, at all times, protect by law their reputation, confidence, property and other rights from all attacks AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the above-mentioned Mr. WONG CHIEN LIANG has severed his connection with the above firm and discontinues his former duties in the firm as from to-day AND if at any time hereafter Mr. WONG CHIEN LIANG transacts any business with a third party, the firm of CHING SUNG KEE, General Building Contractor, will not in any way be liable or responsible in such transaction AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that as from the date hereof all transactions of the said firm will be conducted by the said Mr. LIU CHING PAO and all documents with the firm will not be legal and valid unless signed or sealed by him.

Mr. ZIKSEN,
Barrister-at-law,
7/877 Avenue Foch,
Telephone 78609, Shanghai.

For Messrs. CHING SUNG KEE,
General Building Contractor,
2/190 Route Destelan,
Telephone 70817, Shanghai.

Shanghai, April 21, 1939.

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To-day's Events
APRIL

21 K. S. Ting's Art Exhib'n, Sun Sun, 9
21 Dramatic Entertainment by P.T.H.S. for Girls
21 B.U.S.C. Music Group, 575 R. Sieyes, 5.30
21 University of Michigan Alumni Club annual dinner, Winter Garden, 8
21 S'hai Reel Club practice cancelled
21 St. George's Ball, C.S.F., 9.30
21 Koschevsky's pictures and sculptures, 55 Yuen Ming Yuen Road
21 *Corn Rain (Ku-yu)*
21 *Princess Elizabeth's birthday (1926)*
21 *Formosa earthquake (1935)*

Coming Events
APRIL

22 St. George's Children's Party, Country Club, 4
22 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
22 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyceum, 3
22 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
23 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
23 'Svengali,' (Trilby), Lyc. Theatre, 9
24 Junior Reel Club, Open Afternoon, 6
24 Signals Coy., S.V.C., Annual Dinner and Dance, 7.30
25 Anzac Day Memorial Ceremony at Cenotaph, 8.30 a.m.
25 A.W.C. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
25 Australian & New Zealand Society's dinner, 8.30
26 Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting at 11.30 a.m.
26 B.W.A. Sports, Bridge/Mahjongg, 3
26 Theosophical Society, 75 Jessfield Road, Public Lecture, 6
27 Rummage Sale, American Women's Club, 9 a.m.
27 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
27 K.D.S. Bridge/Mahjongg Tea, Race Club, entrance Mohawk Road, 3
27 Royal Asiatic Society meeting
27 O.A.G. & Sinica: 'Neunhundert Jahre Typendruck in China,' Lecture, 6.30
27 Old Marlburian Club, Dinner, S'hai Club, 8.15
27 G. Koudinoff's gala performance 'The Last Waltz' by Strauss, Lt. Op., Lyceum, 8.45
27 World Bridge Olympic, S.I.B.C., 9
28 B.U.S.C. Annual Meeting at Park Hotel
28 Nordisk Fest, Cercle Sportif Francais 8
28 American Junior Chamber of Commerce, Dinner Dance, 9
29 'The Last Waltz,' Lt. Op., Lyc., 8.45
29 Artist Club, Shanghai, first evening performance, A.W.C., 9
29 A.T.A. presents 'Whose Money,' 'The Eve in Evelyn,' 'A Flower of Yeddo,' at Shanghai Jewish School, 9
30 St. Andrew's v. St. George's Soc., Golf Match
30 'The Last Waltz,' Lt. Op., Lyc., 8.45

MAY

2 A.W.C. Literary Dept. tiffin, 12.30
4 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
4 S.W.A. general meeting, C.S.F., 4
4 B.W.A., S.S.B. Jumble Sale

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at No. 2 Peking Road, Shanghai on Friday, April 21, 1939 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, declaring a dividend, electing Directors and Auditors and transacting any other ordinary business.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 14 to April 21, 1939 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Secretaries.

Shanghai, April 4, 1939.

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HUNGJAO AREA ASSOCIATION

Pass office closed

Lincoln Avenue will be closed to-morrow, April 22.

K. M. CUMMING,
Secretary and Treasurer.

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The following is the circulation statement certified by the Company's auditors for January to March 1939.

"The daily average circulation of the 'North-China Daily News' for the months of January, February and March, 1939, was ten thousand three hundred and forty-five copies, exclusive of 'frees' and vouchers."

THOMSON & Co.
Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

April 6, 1939.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty Ninth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Thursday, May 4, 1939 at 11.30 a.m. for the following purposes:—

To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, to declare a dividend, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 26 to May 4, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.

Shanghai, April 19, 1939.

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THE ANGLO JAVA ESTATES, LTD.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty Ninth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Thursday, May 4, 1939 at 11.45 a.m. for the following purposes:—

To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, to declare a Final Dividend, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 26 to May 4, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.

Shanghai, April 19, 1939.

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I.R.C. 27th Annual Race Meeting
S.V.C. Inspection Parade
Cathedral School Old Boys' Dinner
Interport Hockey Dance
Cathedral School Gymkhana
Local Sports
Local Weddings

Photographs of the above and others which have appeared in the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," are now on view at Watson's, 71 Nanking Road, where prints may be obtained within a few hours.

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2 Western	160 Markham Road	30449	9 to 12 a.m.
3 Western	435 Robison Road (Corner of Ferry Road)	31076	9 to 12 a.m.
4 Western	1360 Yu Yuen Road	20346	2 to 6 p.m.
Hongkew Market	Hongkew Market (Office on 2nd. floor)	40274	9 to 12 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

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Employers of labour may make arrangements for the inoculation of their workers by the Mobile Unit on written application to the nearest Branch Health Office. Such arrangements can only apply to firms wishing a hundred or more employees to be inoculated at one time. Cholera vaccine for groups of persons who wish to be inoculated by their own doctors, can be obtained upon written application to the Commissioner of Public Health.

Certificates proving inoculation may be obtained at any of the above Branch Health Offices.

By order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS, *Secretary.*

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, April 6, 1939.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ratepayers' Meeting:

S. M. C. and Publicity

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The S.M.C. resolutely refused to advertise the annual meeting in your "Day to Day" column but this was evidently not because of any fear of publicity.

The large banner "Ratepayers' Meeting" was floating proudly across Bubbling Well Road at 9 p.m. tonight even though the meeting terminated at about 5.30 p.m.

Once the S.M.C. get an idea they stick to it!

RATEPAYER.

Shanghai, Apr. 19.

Two Points of Order

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Two points of order arose at today's meeting which apparently escaped the notice of the chairman.

While Mr. Robert Stewart still had the floor (Resolution 8) and had not finished his remarks two things happened.

1. A very well-known person seated near me rose and said something about removing "that——(unpleasant word) from the stage."

2. Another very well-known person seated on the stage removed from the table one of Mr. Stewart's charts without Mr. Stewart's knowledge or consent before Mr. Stewart had finished speaking.

Such lapses from Parliamentary conduct are surely reprehensible and it is indeed surprising to find these two well-known ratepayers allowing themselves to be thus carried away by their feelings however much they may have disagreed with the speaker's remarks.

E. S. LITTLE, JR.

Shanghai, Apr. 19.

The Volunteers:

Gate Crashers at Parade

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The speech made by the Commandant of the S.V.C. at the Annual Dinner of the Officers and Reserve Officers as published by you on Tuesday 18 must have caused quite a lot of comments contrary to what was expected by the Commandant, especially regarding the appeal for more recruits.

The relatives and guests of the personnel of the Companies who were presented with tickets to the "N" stand, will wonder if these Companies will be able to "rope in" more recruits seeing what happened to the ticket-holders at the parade held last Sunday. The stand was crowded with a mob of coolies who had no tickets whatsoever but were "invited" by the police to occupy the stand knowing full well that it was reserved for the ticket-holders only. The behaviour of the coolies is very well known to the Shanghai public, and the ticket-holders must have been disgusted to find out that they have to mingle with these coolies.

If this is a specimen of the treatment shown to the members of the S.V.C., I am afraid the Commandant will make himself hoarse appealing for more recruits.

RATEPAYER.

Shanghai, April 20.

Alleyways:

Blocked Entrances Desired

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—If the alleyway mentioned in your report today under the heading "Detective Prevents Armed Hold-up" is the one immediately opposite the East-bound bus stop it provides a very convenient get-away for thieves and armed robbers. Yu Yuen Road is full of these convenient alleys, and one would have thought that a few iron posts put across the entrance, such as are used for keeping lanes as footpaths and preventing wheeled traffic, would at least give a running criminal pause for a second and enable a bullet to catch him up.

BUS PASSENGER.

Shanghai, Apr. 20.

Those Problems:

And More Solutions

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I fear that your correspondents who have given "solutions" to the label problem have not treated it with the respect it deserves.

I suspect, however, that Y. M. FUNG has used the correct reasoning, although he skips an essential part of it with his "determined without difficulty."

WITT's reasoning is altogether too simple! It was not each of the three men, but only one, who was stated to have seen that the other two had black labels.

TWO AND TWO MAKE FIVE trips up in assuming that the judge, being a fair and upright man, had to give each of the felons an equal chance and therefore selected all three labels of the same colour. The problem specifically stated, however, that the labels were picked at random.

In point of fact, the "slightly more elaborate" problem of the green and white crosses is but the same problem in a different setting, and is solved by identical reasoning.

Thus the solution of the label problem may be stated as follows:—

A (who correctly guesses the colour of his own label) puts himself in B's position and says "Now if he (B) were seeing a black on C and a white on me, would know that he also could not be white, since otherwise C would have seen two whites and declared immediately that his own label must be black. Therefore B is not seeing a white on me; in other words my label must be black. Similarly, for the second problem:—

A says to himself "Now if the cross on my forehead is white, B would at once have known that his cross could not be white also, since otherwise C's hand would not have gone up as seeing a green. Therefore my cross must be green also.

G. H. D.

Shanghai, Apr. 20.

The Three Green Crosses

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Permit me to congratulate TWO AND TWO MAKE FIVE in quoting a very interesting problem of the Cross Puzzle in your esteemed paper of today. The solution seems to be as follows: The winner upon seeing two green crosses knew that he also had a green one because he was quite sure that the three candidates (one of whom he was) must have equal chances. Any combination of two colours would result in inequality (one white and two greens would make it easier to any of the greens than to the white). Of course the trio would also all put up their hands even if only two men had green crosses but this would be unfair to the candidate who had a white one. On this assumption the winner was sure that his was also green.

Y. M. FUNG.

Shanghai, Apr. 20.

Excommunication:

Would it be Efficacious?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Your correspondent A CATHOLIC wrote suggesting that the Holy See make use of the powerful weapon of excommunication against those who, for insane personal ambition, would plunge the world into the most ghastly war imaginable. He mentions no names. It might be within the realms of possibility, that the Holy See take this step with regard to the leaders of the Nazi régime, but does A CATHOLIC really think that the Pope would ever include Mussolini in such a grave denouncement? Millions of people are undoubtedly looking to Pius XII, as they looked to the late Pope, for some sort of leadership during these troubled times. With so much contradictory propaganda on all sides the ordinary man-in-the-street hardly knows what to think. But it would appear that, as in the late Pope's reign, the sympathy of the Catholic Church is with the Facist State. The first direct message broadcast by the new Pope is his congratulations to Franco, and behind Franco is Mussolini who has openly and frankly gloried in the part Italy has taken in the Spanish War.

Mussolini, in the early days of his coming into power, realized the tremendous universal force of the Catholic Church and saw the value of winning this force to his side. He won the admiration of world-wide Catholicism by successfully negotiating the Lateran Treaty.

The enemy of the Catholic Church is Communism and the enemy of Communism is the Fascist State under Mussolini. Hence in the eyes of the powerful Catholic minority in every important nation in the world, including Great Britain—Mussolini and the Fascist State become the champions of Christian civilization against Communistic barbarism. In every act of aggression committed by the Fascist State in their campaign to found the Holy Roman Empire, excuses in favour of Mussolini have been made by this minority when whole-hearted approbation was not possible.

The Nazis, on the other hand, have alienated this sympathy by their determination to break the influence of the Catholic Church in Germany. Therein lies the great difference between the two leaders of the Totalitarian States, who have little in common except their desire for more and more conquests. One has been shrewd enough to gain the favour of the Holy See and the other has not. Under this banner of anti-communism, however, these two states with their ally, Japan, have been able to combine forces and through their ever-increasing demands on peace-loving nations have brought the world into the condition that exists today.

Great Britain, tolerant and freedom-loving, in the face of political necessity must ally herself with Soviet Russia, the enemy of the Catholic Church and of Christian civilization. What attitude are the Catholics in the British Commonwealth of Nations to take towards this alliance? How will they be guided by Rome through their bishops and priests? If the worst comes to pass and wholesale universal slaughter is on the verge of breaking out, in what manner can Rome speak, against what leader use the threat of excommunication? And is there the remotest possibility that it would have the desired result? Would Mussolini obey the Church he professes to be a member of and break his alliance with Hitler if the latter were excommunicated? Only in that does there lie a ray of hope.

As things are at present, all that the peace-loving men and women of every nation and creed can do is to combine in thought and prayer, that reason may be brought to bear upon those few leaders, who by their insatiable desire for power and world domination would bring about a veritable holocaust upon earth.

A.M.R.G.

Shanghai, Apr. 18.

Mary's Birthday:

Confusion Worse Confounded

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The problem quoted from "Esquire" in a letter in your Sunday issue was,

> John said to his elder sister Mary on her eighth birthday: "Ten times the present number of my summers is equal to what my age in months was, as many years ago as my age in months was, when my age in days exceeded my age in months by an even number." If John was born on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, on what day of the week was Mary born?

G.H.D. went wrong, as HAPPY points out, by supposing "elder" to mean that Mary was necessarily "older" than John. He was therefore forced to the strained interpretation of "months" as lunar months in order to produce a boy of 6 who must be believed capable of this tongue-twisting problem.

I think HAPPY has also gone partly wrong in overlooking the use of the word "summers" instead of "years." His solution, which gives John and Mary the same birthday, is correct as far as it goes but it is not the only one and, for the reason just mentioned, it is probably not the one intended by the setter.

Let us see what happens when John is 21 years 6 months: say, in May 1938. Then he was born in 1916 when the Sunday before Thanksgiving was November 26. In May 1938 he had only had 21 "summers" and the terms of the problem require that 21 × 10 should equal his age in months four years ago (because, as "HAPPY" explains, his age in days did not exceed his age in months until he was four months old). In other words that 21 × 10 + 48 should equal his present age in months 21 × 12 + 6. It does and this is consequently a correct solution. Then Mary was born on May 26, 1930 which was a Monday.

Two other solutions, putting his age at 22 years 4 months in March 1938 and at 23 years 2 months in January 1938, demand that he should have been born in 1915. Now 1915 was the year before a leap year and in that case his age in days did not exceed his age in months until he was 6 months old. The rigmarole then requires in the first case that:

$$22 \times 10 + 72 = 22 \times 12 + 4$$

and in the other that:

$$23 \times 10 + 72 = 23 \times 12 + 2$$

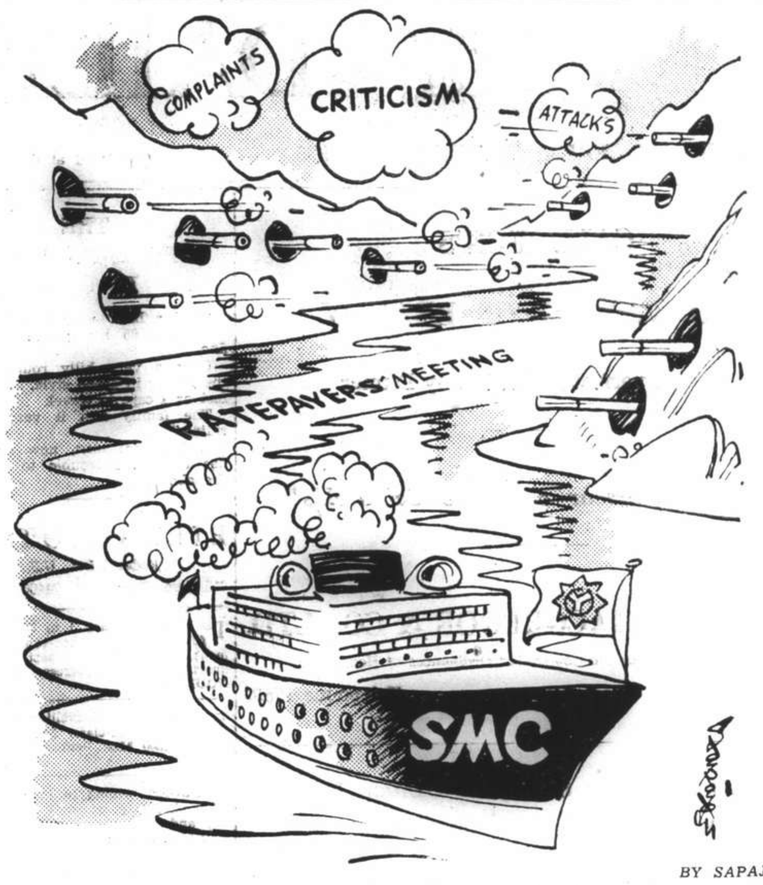
neither of which is true. As a matter of fact we ought to see whether there is a solution based on the assumption that John was born the year before a leap year. Working on the same lines as before it will be found that on Mary's eighth birthday he must have been 33 years 6 months, 34 years 4 months, 35 years 2 months or 36 years 0 months old. Of these the second and third place his year of birth in 1903, the year before a leap year. But since Mary was his "elder" sister there must have been a younger, so that their indefatigable mother must have spaced her children over a period of at least 27 years, which may be considered improbable.

On the basis of John's age in days exceeding his age in months by an even number when he was five months old there are three solutions in addition to that given by HAPPY. These give his age as 27 years 6 months in May 1938, 28 years 4 months in March 1938 and 29 years 2 months in January 1939. But we have all had enough of this by now.

This would have been an admirable puzzle if it had had a unique solution. If it has then I am, in good company.

STUPID.

Shanghai, Apr. 19.



BY SAPAJOU

Safely Through The Narrows Again

Fall of Kuling:

A News Agency Explains

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to a letter signed by a STUDENT OF HISTORY published in this morning's issue of the "North-China Daily News" stating that Domei had contradicted itself in reporting the capture of Kuling.

Your correspondent notes that in a dispatch from Kiukiang of April 18 we "claim that the Chinese defenders of Kuling were annihilated, according to the Headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Force to Central China."

He then states that in our dispatch from Kuling of the same date, we quote a British doctor at the mountain resort as revealing that the Chinese troops left Kuling one hour before the arrival of the Japanese.

Permit me to point out to your correspondent that it is our business to report news as accurately as it is humanly possible. If the Headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Force to Central China issue a communiqué stating that the Chinese at Kuling have been annihilated, we report so.

If our correspondent in Kuling in the course of an interview obtains information that the Chinese fled one hour before the arrival of the Japanese, we again report so.

To prevent a contradiction between these two conflicting statements, would have required "doctoring" one or the other.

This we did not do, as it would have run counter to our established policy of honest news reporting.

Y. HORIGUCHI
Domei News Agency.

Shanghai, Apr. 20.

Columbarium:

Another Dictionary Quoted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I did notice *Rom. antiq.* preceding my dictionary's definition of the word "columbarium"—did not P. C. M. notice that I quoted it? Nor was I oblivious at the time of writing of the probability that as cremation has become more common as a form of burial there might have become necessary some buildings to which the term "columbarium" might be applied. As, however, I did not like to see the term applied to Bubbling Well Chapel, which has by usage become much more than a "columbarium," I was pleased to find that the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary (of 1933) did not recognize it in the sense in which Y. used it.

Does it matter that our City Fathers in building the Chapel (if P.C.M. is correct in thinking that they did) intended it to be used for "funeral services (Christian but of any denomination) and for 'housing' urns?" If by usage it has come to be thought of as a pleasant and familiar little church, surely that is better? All "denominations" seem to be friendly to each other in Shanghai.

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Shanghai, Apr. 20.

WORLD RADIO

The following table shows the Shanghai times at which *news* is broadcast in the principal countries of the world, together with the wave-lengths and frequencies used. We shall be glad to receive comment or suggestions from listeners, which should be addressed or telephoned to the Radio Editor of the "North-China Daily News" (Tel. 11055). The times, given in the first column, are all between noon and midnight.

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P.M.	METRES	CYCLES
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6.45, 9.50	16.84	17.81

Today's BBC Programme

2.30 "Arms and the Man," Play by Bernard Shaw
3.40 "The Adventures of Alonzo MacTavish," Play
4.00 News
4.15 "More Food for Thought," topical talk
4.45 Sports news and markets
8.00 "The History of the Jews" talk
11.40 "Song Parade," world-known songs
11.10 "Arms and the Man," (Part III)
12.00 News

PARIS

7.00	19.68	15.24

ROME

5.30, 9.30, 12.00	25.40	11.81
7.00	31.13	9.63

BERLIN

3.00	19.63/16.89	15.28/17.76
8.00, 10.00	31.45/19.63	9.54/15.28

SAN FRANCISCO

8.30, 10.30	31.48	9.53

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6.30, 11.00	31.35	9.57

MELBOURNE

5.15, 8.30 9.20	31.32	9.58

TOKYO

1.00, 2.00, 3.30 4.30, 10.00, 11.00	25.42	11.80

HONGKONG

12.30, 2.15, 7.00	31.49	9.52
11.00	31.49	9.52

CHUNGKING

5.30	31.49	9.52

Foreign Admirals at Kiukiang

Yangtze Commanders Make Way Towards Hankow

Kiukiang, Apr. 19.

The U.S.S. Isabel carrying Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, Commander of the United States Asiatic Fleet, and H.M.S. Scorpion bearing Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, Commander of the British Yangtze Flotilla, arrived here with an escort of Japanese warships at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The two commanders were welcomed here by Japanese army and navy officers and representatives of the Japanese Women's National Defence Society. They went to the Japanese Consulate, where they met British and American residents.

They will stay here over night and proceed up the Yangtze to Hankow tomorrow.—Domei.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF APRIL 21, 1869

The China-rigged centre-board boats, Falcon (British) and Vision (America) got well away together from below the Kingsan bank at 12.59 p.m. and kept neck and neck to half-way point, when the red boat drew away, and kept the lead, rounding the flag-boat first; thus having the advantage of the incoming flood and one mile start, and maintained the advantage up to the half-way point on the Shanghai side; when, the wind heading, put both boats upon their metal and the Falcon, foot by foot and tack by tack, gained upon the Vision until eventually she crossed her bows off Shaw Bros. godowns. Unfortunately for the heavier boat the wind here died away almost entirely, and the Englishman's centre-board came close to the mud, while the lighter Vision saucily turned herself towards the winning post, and left the Falcon winged and conquered. Let us hope, however, that it is not the only time that these fine boats will meet, and, next race, may there be more wind to test their sailing capabilities. Yesterday's was almost a drift race, at least in the early part.

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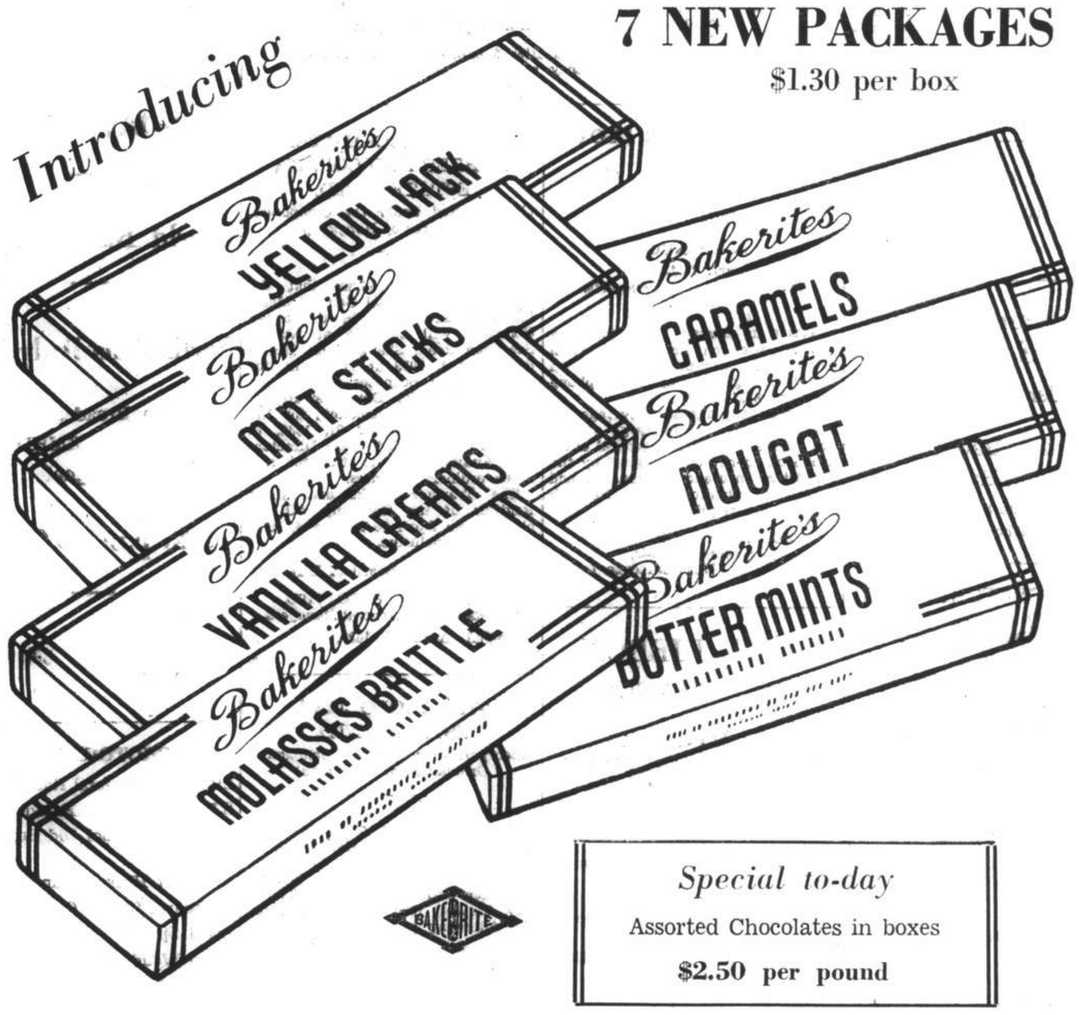

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WOMAN'S PAGE

A Mayfair Notebook

By PHILINE

London, Mar. 24.

A debutante who went to Court this month and made her first curtsies before the King and Queen remarked, rather surprisingly to her family next morning, that although she has enjoyed herself she envied her younger sister. The sister was a schoolgirl who hopes to be presented in three years' time.

To a chorus of "Whys?" the debutante explained that her sister would probably have the added fun of being presented in the same year as Princess Elizabeth made her debut. And she very well may, for plans are already being prepared for the coming-out of the Queen's elder daughter. This will be soon after she has been confirmed, at Easter 1942.

A month before her thirteenth birthday, the Princess has been promoted to stockings. For one who is still considered a little girl this must seem an event of some importance. Yet, in the space of but three years she will be taking her grown-upness for granted, attending State banquets and undertaking public engagements in the company of her own ladies-in-waiting.

She will then be considered old enough to have her own income, her own accounts, her own tradesmen and to be addressed as "Your Royal Highness." At present, within the Palace, she is known simply as "Princess."

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Never Too Old

Princess Elizabeth will discover that even for an adult of sixteen, lessons are not really over. They never will be, if she is to take her future Queenship seriously. Training to be first-lady-in-the-land is a lifetime task. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the American President, knows the truth of this as well as anyone. She has made well over 2,000 speeches—but she still thinks she hasn't had enough practice

So the President's wife is taking elocution lessons to train her speaking voice and doing laborious exercises to develop breathing control. Her teacher. Mrs. Elizabeth von Hesse, makes her repeat such sentences as, "Seven times one are seven": "Oh, Columbine, open your folded wrapper where two twin turtle-doves twine."

Mrs. Roosevelt once went to a school in London and it seems that she caught the bad habit of pronouncing "O" in the English way. She is now trying to change her pronunciation, for Americans prefer to hear a rounder sounding "O."

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London En Fete

Once again London is en fête. The big shops have decked themselves out in brave array for the State visit of the French President and Mme Lebrun. Buckingham Palace, with nine of its guest rooms given over to Their Majesties' guests, is as fully occupied as are the smart West-End hotels. Visitors from across the Channel are daily flocking into town to take part in a London season which offers so much of unusual interest.

In the Savoy Hotel, Suite 412—the most expensive in any London hotel—has the great Italian tenor, Gigli, as its present tenant. But, then, Suite 412 is seldom vacant, though it costs six guineas a day merely to occupy. It consists of one bedroom, a sitting-room and a bathroom. Luxury here has not been stinted and period furniture, including a magnificent Louis Seize escritoire, is successfully blended with modern easy chairs and settees.

Telephones abound in Suite 412, where one writes with gold nibs, touches a switch to bring the rooms to any degree of temperature required, dries oneself after bathing on exquisite bath-towels of three grades of roughness and generally lives like a King.

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White Pique to the Fore

The sports world offers us a number of excellent new fashion ideas. Some of them come from Florida, where so many of the sports clothes are now designed. For instance, pullovers exactly match tennis socks and both garments are worked with the wearer's monogram. Women, last year, wore blouses under their dark pullovers; this year piqué vests, front, back and collar, take the place of the whole blouse.

The sportswoman has always loved white piqué and this year she finds she can wear it on all kinds of occasions. Many of the new coats have white piqué lapels or deep yokes of the same material, which bring a fresh note to a simple lined black model. In some cases the coat lapel has just a touch of piqué as an edging.

Little girls, too, are taking to white piqué, for they have heard that Shirley Temple "sponsors" the white revers on dark coats vogue. Just now she is being seen about in unbelted princess frocks, coats with neat princess waistlines and full, swinging skirts. Her caps are peaked and brimless.

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A New Blouse for Sports

To every suit its blouse is the fashion rule of today. With the sports suit, as a change from the pullover, there is an amusing blouse made in natural coloured chamois leather, exactly like that which is used to clean your silver. It is closed in front with big matching buttons. A yoke, stitched very heavily, goes around the shoulders and ends in a bow in front. The sleeves are very short and gathered. Worn under a dark green suit this blouse looked very smart and I am assured that it is wonderfully light and comfortable.

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A Russian Souffle

Take ½ cupful of rice, wash well and boil until half-cooked. Pour water off and add 1 teacupful of milk with 1 teaspoonful of butter. Cook slowly until ready, then put off to cool. In the meantime stir the yolk of an egg with ½ teacupful of sugar, and add to rice with ½ teacupful of currants.

Lastly, add stiffly whipped white of the egg, turn together lightly, turn into well-buttered dish and bake in the middle of the oven for ½ or ¾ of an hour with the "Regulo" at Mark 7. If the top browns too quickly, cover with greased paper. Serve hot with custard and enjoy a Russian dish which is rightly popular.

Youth's Silhouette

Smart yet conservative are the two maidens in their neat street suits. On the left is a grey wool plaid with dark red accessories. A navy blue wool dress and jacket is worn on the right, with hat and bag to match, a splash being given by the white gloves.

The London Spring Collections

The Return of Elegance

The eye is first struck by this year's new fashion of the coloured coat, simple but elegant and figure-fitting. These coats are to be found in every collection in cloudy pastels, pink or parma or pale blue, or in the richer violet or turquoise. Norman Hartnell uses pale blue for such light coats, as he does also for suits in tweed and woollen. (Rose Taylor uses palest green over prune dresses, parma over deep brown.) Even plaids are colourful in a new way, using pretty combinations in which green, pink, black, and white blended leads the way.

Coats also are silken as well as wool, as instance Worth's black and white pinstriped silk with its fitted waist and full skirt cut much like a dress. And to look like a dress is now part of the pleasure of the more elegant coats.

If colour in coats strikes one, so, too, in the London dress collections does the return of grey in delicate, cloudy shades even to a pink-grey, and this for day and evening alike, for tailored clothes and for gloves.

At one of the parades a woman home from New York, herself an American, said that the reason why London seemed to her so much more elegant was the detail; the way, for instance, hair is now beautifully thinned and dressed, in contradistinction to the on-the-shoulder flowing hair affected by girls in New York.

This was said at the Victor Stiebel dress parade where the models wore big pearls in their ears, quite close veils, and gloves toned to the veils, black to companion a dusty pink or faint blue dress, gloves faintly parma, or pink, or honey-coloured with black dresses.

How Grey Is Used

Prints are treated in new ways this year. Digby Morton and Eva Lutyens have elegant frocks. Victor Stiebel is a great exponent of the use of greys.

His pale grey suit, chalk striped, was tremendously applauded, worn with white gloves, a white hat, white violets in the button-hole, but with black shoes and the current shade of rosy beige for the stockings, warming up the *ensemble*.

This was followed by a typical dress of today, figure-fitting and swing skirted, in a minute grey and white shepherd's plaid, in silk, again worn with white violets, white gloves, white hat with black band on it, black bag, but white narrow belt.

Hartnell, on the contrary, used mignonette-green to chalk-stripe his beautifully-tailored grey suit, and he used palest grey for his evening gown of grey chiffon embroidered in pearls (named "Grey Pearl"), and his grey chiffon left plain with floating sleeves ("Shadow").

Polished Oyster Shells

Stiebel's evening greys were chiefly satin in one or two combined tones, full skirted, and in one case set off by vast flaming red poppies at the belt.

Worth uses grey for both day and evening, and his most elegant day dress is of fine crêpe, with yoke cut into the sleeve tops, polished oysters used to decorate the belt and neck, much as Lelong in Paris uses polished mussel shells.

And again there is an elegant little separate jacket of grey and black tiny checks, matched by silk gloves.

Part of the total elegance of the dress collections in London comes from the perfection of detail such as these matching blouse silks printed to match their tweeds.

In a beautiful and elegant collection Mrs. Lutyens uses many bordered silk patterns, employing the border for yoke, inset belt, hem to sleeve or skirt, or for small flounces.

She also uses striped prints in the way of the year, pleating them so that they appear as solid colour until the wearer moves, when the pleatings open and show the pattern or contrast colour.

She uses two colourings of the same pattern combined in one blouse or dress, or again makes revers and blouse in, say, parma spotted with white, while the skirt and jacket are in rose spotted in white.

These bordered silks, striped and contrasted silks, can only be used in a year of fine "dressmakering" detail.

Peacock Tones

Unusual new colours are to be watched, chiefly the sea-green, which is hardly distinguishable from the china-blue of other houses, or the quieter peacock shades.

Hartnell uses sea-green chiffons with white jackets and belts worked with turquoise beading and jewels, and uses "china-blue" with pretty, sharp pink in the water-colour prints of the year, both for day and evening, prints painted with dry brush technique in bold patterns.

While both New York and Paris are busy imitating childhood with petticoat dresses and off-the-face bonnets, it is interesting to watch the evolution of elegance in London, whose fashion sense her Majesty will spread yet farther afield with her transatlantic visit this summer.

Brims Against Sunlight to Come

Flattering shadows are cast by the large mushroom-brimmed hat on the left. It is of black Milan straw. A prim bouquet stands at the front of the crown which is open to show the hair in the back. The cartwheel sailor on the right is in natural-coloured rough straw. The scarf which trims it is of yellow and blue gingham.

Recipes From Yugoslavia

Dishes Worth Trying

Yugoslav food is so novel in character as to be appreciated by those who like variety. Djuvec, Musaka, and Cevabcici are among the best known of the narodni (national) dishes in which meat or fish is an ingredient.

Djuvec

(Sufficient for four persons.)

¼ lb. chopped onions.
½ lb. of any meat (usually pork and veal mixed) or fish, especially carp.
1 lb. tomatoes.
1 cup of rice.
Pepper, salt, paprika (optional) to season.
Olive oil, butter or lard for frying.
1 large cupful stock or water.

Fry the onions and when soft add the parsley, seasonings and rice. Cook until the rice is clear, stirring well. In a fireproof dish arrange layers of the rice mixture and thinly sliced tomatoes, with slices of the meat or fish interspersed, making the last layer of tomatoes. Pour in the stock or water. Cover the dish and cook slowly in the oven for about two hours until all the mixture is absorbed. From time to time shake the dish gently so that the rice does not stick. Serve in the same dish.

Musaka

(Sufficient for four persons.)

1 lb. lean minced meat, preferably uncooked, and usualy beef and/or veal.
2 onions chopped
2 young carrots.
2 young turnips.
2 young parsnips.
4 large aubergines (when these are not available tomatoes or marrows may be substituted).
1 teaspoon parsley finely chopped.
4 eggs.
1 pint of milk or cream.
Salt and pepper to taste. Paprika optional.

Slice all the vegetables very finely. Fry the chopped onion until tender. Stir in the meat, seasonings, and parsley and fry all together for ten minutes. Place in a greased casserole a layer of one kind of vegetable, than a layer of the meat mixture, followed by alternate layers of each of the other vegetables, and the meat mixture until all the ingredients are used, making the top layer of vegetables. Beat up the eggs and milk. Pour them over the mixture, and bake in a moderate oven for about two hours. Serve in the cassercle.

Cevabcici

These are very suitable for fork luncheons or cocktail parties. The following quantities make about 25:—

½ lb. of minced pork.
½ lb. of minced veal.
½ lb. of beef suet grated.
¼ lb. breadcrumbs.
½ saltspoon grated nutmeg.
½ saltspoon powdered sage.
½ saltspoon ground cloves.
Pepper and salt.
Juice of a lemon.

Mix all the ingredients except the breadcrumbs well together, and stand aside for one hour. Afterwards mix in the breadcrumbs, and with floured hands roll the mixture into shapes 1½in. long and ½in. in diameter. Grease the bars of the grill, and when the grill is very hot, place on it the cevabcici, previously lightly brushed with olive oil. Turn them preferably with grilling tongs. They are served surrounded by slices of raw onions, with cocktail sticks stuck in the onions and cevabcici.

Koljivo

Koljivo in England would most suitably be served as a cold pudding.

½ lb. of wheat boiled until tender.
½ lb. ground walnuts and almonds.
½ lb. castor sugar.
Pinch of nutmeg, cinnamon and ground cloves.

Drain and dry the cooked wheat. Pass it through a mincer. Mix the ingredients well together. Form the mixture into the shape of a cake, and coat with more ground nuts and sugar.

Kolac Za Imendan

These are given to those who call to offer congratulations on the anniversary of the saint after whom one happens to be called. The cakes can be made in a few minutes.

3 heaped tablespoons of sifted white flour.
3 yolks of eggs.
1 flat dessertspoon of castor sugar.
1 piece of lard or butter the size of a walnut.
Lard for frying.
Sufficient rum and/or water to mix.

Work the fat with the sugar and mix in the beaten yolks. Add the flour and rum and/or water alternately until the mixture is a smooth dough. Roll out as thinly as possible. Cut into shapes about 3 by 2 inches, and slash them across with a knife. Meanwhile heat the lard in a frying pan and fry the cakes quickly on one side and then on the other until crisp. Sift castor sugar over them, and serve at once, or leave to cool on a cake tray.

Kolac od Badem

This provides a delicious way of using stale bread which has been baked until crisp and then minced or grated finely:—

3 heaped tablespoons of baked breadcrumbs.
10 eggs.
7 heaped tablespoons of castor sugar.
7 heaped tablespoons of ground almonds.
1 teacupful of rum.

Thoroughly beat the eggs. Stir in the castor sugar and beat well again. Add the roasted breadcrumbs and ground almonds. Rum need not be used but the cake is lighter with it. Bake in a 9in. diameter tin. The oven should be moderately hot. The cake, which needs about two hours' cooking, will rise in the beginning and afterwards settle down, but it will nevertheless be very light.

Shoes for the Season

The Pump

Paris shoes this season are to do away with the insteap strap and return to that most elegant of all shoes the pump. The only opening in the shoe is perhaps to be that for the toe, or occasionally at the side of the instep. Beige kid is to be the material for many pumps. Square heels that protrude beyond the sole all round are to be fashionable, and the angles may be variously arranged. The new Jodhpur shoes cover the ankle and are made of a brick-brown suède. These are snug and close. Amusing slippers have comfortable square heels and the vamp is drawn up with a cord. They may be made of Bordeaux red kid. Evening shoes show a strong silk with a thick sole covered with gold kid. Gold continues to be used freely in shoes, but chiefly as an accessory rather than the main part. There are many square toes, but with a rounded tip. This leaves plenty of room for the toes and is in the direction of comfort.

For men day shoes are to be higher, but with the same number of eyelets. Brown almost takes precedence over black, but sometimes it is mixed. There is brown crocodile, but there is also a brown calf with a black calf vamp, both with square heels. Square heels have paved the way for many reforms. They allow plenty of room above and they invite attention to what is really the foundation of the shoe.

Silk Stockings

Most women feel that they have done their best to preserve the life of their silk stockings if they follow the ordinary rules—dip the stockings into mild soap suds after each time of wearing, then rinse, squeeze gently, and hang to dry. In spite of this cautious treatment, silk stockings seldom give the service hoped of them. Nor do they always look perfect. A little additional care will help to mend matters. For example, rubber gloves should be worn when washing silk stockings. This may sound a needlessly elaborate precaution, but a slightly broken nail or even roughened skin is enough to start the fatal ladder. Stockings should be turned inside out before washing, in order to preserve the best possible appearance on the right side. A little lemon juice or white vinegar added to the rinsing water will help to make the laundering perfect.

Paris Fashion Flash

New colours include dawn pink, dreamy grey, nasturtium orange, saddle brown, "tender" blue, swamp green and grenadine red.

Gloves are stressed in the collections. Dressmakers show odd gloves for the evening. One pale blue and one pale cyclamen pink suède glove are worn with a pale blue evening dress.

Black satin gloves for the day time have important-looking gauntlets and net fingers. Some are made in vivid tartan silk.

Black lace gloves have finger-nails embroidered in puce-coloured shiny beads. Others are embroidered with sprays of flowers down the thumb and first finger.

Gloves with black leather palms have tops in yellow crochet. Summer gloves are made in white crochet or white piqué. Some have a tiny hand mirror on the back. Gauntlets are flower-trimmed.

Have gloves to match your hat. Black and gold thread crochet gloves would go with a black and yellow hat. Some gloves have zip fasteners up the back of the hand.

Head-dresses are elaborate. A tuft of ostrich has bejewelled golden spikes.

A novel group for the evening is comb, clips, ear-rings and velvet neck-band strung with separate clusters of forget-me-nots in blue and white sapphires.

Sprigged muslins are back. They lend themselves to "good little girl" dresses.

Splashed Stockings

When road-splash stains on stockings persist after washing, eucalyptus oil will frequently succeed where soap and water have failed, for it is probably the oily element in town mud that is the trouble, and grease cannot stand up to eucalyptus oil. A pad of blotting-paper should first be placed under the stains, the spots should then be dabbed repeatedly with bits of eucalyptus-soaked cotton wool. If a ring of oil is made just outside the stain there will be no fear of the dirt spreading beyond it. Supposing also that ointment applied to a damaged leg has seeped through the bandage, eucalyptus oil should again be brought to the rescue.

Pearl Necklaces

Artificial pearl necklaces require a good deal of care if their pretty, fresh appearance is to be retained. Directly the string on which they are threaded begins to show between the beads the owner must take warning and have them restrung. They can be cleaned at home by leaving them in a little box, deeply covered with powdered chalk, for a few days. Then they must be removed and the chalk carefully brushed away from them.

A. W. C.

Tomorrow (Tuesday) there will be the regular monthly bridge and mahjongg party at the Club rooms at 3 p.m. At tea time, there will be a fashion show of hats, bags and knitted suits displayed by mannequins.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Major Squash Rackets Upset

Strong Favourite for Senior Championship Goes Down Before Morris's Persistency

THE outstanding surprise of the squash rackets season was seen last night when G. W. Morris defeated D. Green by 9-6, 9-4, 2-9, 3-9, 9-5 in the second round of the Senior Squash Rackets Championship, the game taking place at the Rowing Club. Green has been regarded as the favourite for the senior title this season in the absence of entries from L. D. Carson and H. K. Cassels in this tournament, whereas Morris was not conceded nearly as good a chance to get to the final.

G. W. Morris may be considered the "Giant Killer" of squash rackets in Shanghai recently, for he defeated M. Benavitch in a league match last year when the latter was considered an easy victor. With Morris's recent victory, he may be given a good chance to win the senior laurels. He will meet the winner of the J. Pote-Hunt *v.* L. H. Wade match in the semi-final, the winner of that contest to play E. B. Cumine who has gone through to the final already as a result of his victory over H. G. Fabian last night.

Other interesting results in the Senior championship brought L. H. Wade through the first round when he defeated S. Godkin by 7-9, 9-4, 9-0, 9-4, on Tuesday evening at the Rowing Club courts, and last night E. B. Cumine defeated H. G. Fabian, 9-7, 10-8, 9-5, also at the Rowing Club courts. In the junior championship T. E. Baker defeated S. Ginsbourg by 5-9, 4-9, 10-8, 9-1, 9-4.

Undoubtedly the greatest interest of the matches played recently may be centred on the Morris *v.* Green game. Morris played a hard hitting game and was able to retrieve every shot that was sent down, Green's placements being picked up almost every time. In the first two games, Morris was at his best, and Green seemingly did not settle down. The latter recovered his form in the third game to win easily at 9-2, and took the fourth in a similar manner, but Morris made a grand recovery in the fifth and final game. Green in this game, took a lead of 3-0, and looked as if he had definitely thrown off the challenge made by Morris in the earlier games, his control of play in the third and fourth games being very marked. But Morris' tenacity to make an attempt for every shot proved Green's undoing and he was able to even up the score and go on to win by 9-5.

Wade Beats Godkin

The match between S. Godkin and L. H. Wade in the first round produced some interesting play. Godkin was very much on form in the first game and brought off some particularly good shots. He ran up a good advantage and although Wade fought back well, the latter was unable to hold the former, who ran out winner 9-7. A change of position was seen in the second game and Wade's shots off the side walls were much more successful, particularly in getting Godkin to move rapidly around the court to retrieve the shots. Wade ran up a good lead and went out to win 9-4, and in the second game, Godkin was seemingly tired and lost the third game at 0-9, but put up a good fight in the fourth game, only to be unable to stave off Wade's determined ascent to a winning position.

The other game in the senior championship, saw Cumine winning from Fabian in three straight games, nevertheless having a hard struggle before he ran out winner. In the first game, Cumine was ahead most of the way and it was only towards the end of the game that Fabian's challenge came, and this was too late. The second game saw Fabian taking a lead at 7-3, and again holding an advantage at 8-5, but he was unable to put finish to his shots and Cumine came up and evened the score at 8-8, going on to win by 10-8. The third and final game saw Cumine taking a lead from the start and running out a fairly easy winner.

Interest in the junior championship match was keen. T. E. Baker now goes through to the semi-final to meet the winner of the match between W. R. McCutcheon and A. C. Sinclair. Baker is a vastly improved player but found that Ginsbourg was difficult to beat, the two had a battle royal and that Ginsbourg won the first two games, at 9-5, 9-4, is sufficient indication of what an uphill fight Baker had to make. In the third game, Ginsbourg all but had the match in his grasp, but was unable to finish off the necessary shot to win and Baker's better stamina enabled the latter to go on and win the last two and deciding games at 9-1, 9-4.

Colony Badminton Players Checked

Clube Lusitano Wins Two Of Three Matches to Take Lead in Series

Winning two matches, the men's and ladies' singles, out of a possible three yesterday evening on home courts, Clube Lusitano led Clube de Recreio of Hongkong by three matches to two upon completion of the second day's play in the Inter-Club Badminton Series. The local players need only to win one more out of the remaining two tussles which are to take place today in order to win the competition.

The Shanghai Portuguese started out with a loss when Mrs. H. C. Collaco and Mrs. A. S. Costa, wives of two well known footballers, fell victims at the hands of Misses O. Rebeiro and M. Silva in two straight sets by a score of 17-14 and 15-5. But the superiority of B. V. de Senna, one of the city's foremost exponents, and Mrs. A. A. Remedios, ranking player among local Portuguese, immediately turned the tables on the visitors as they each disposed of M. Oliveira and Miss M. Xavier in easy style by the scores of 15-9 and 15-5 in the men's singles and 8-11, 11-1 and 11-3 in the ladies' singles.

Yesterday's programme was headed by an exhibition match in the mixed doubles. In the absence of Miss D. Eardley, who was not able to turn out, Mrs. B. V. de Senna played in her stead and paired up with J. J. Remedios of Hongkong. The pair, after winning the first set 15-10, dropped the next two by 15-11 and 15-7 to Miss M. Ribeiro of Hongkong and C. A. da Silva.

Timely Rally

The local ladies played an erratic game, especially towards the closing stage when the opening set was practically in their hands. Twice they had a lead, once at 11-6 and then at 14-9. Miss Rebeiro started a timely rally with a fine placement. Miss Silva followed suit with a hard smash. These two points rattled the local team. Mrs. Collaco lost her grip and made two mistakes on her returns. Mrs. Costa also blundered twice, to make first a deuce and then concede the advantage at 15-14.

With two more points to go, the visiting couple fought with great confidence. They sent back everything Shanghai could offer. Miss Silva slashed a good shot over the net to win the next point. Mrs. Collaco became unsteady as she mishit Miss Rebeiro's serve and gave away the opening set.

In the second set the Hongkong team continued to shine, gaining two safe leads, 4-0 and 7-2. Then Shanghai fought back but lacked the punch to keep on with the pace. After 8-5, the visitors reeled off seven points in a row to win the doubles and give Hongkong a lead of two matches to one in the series.

Clube Strikes Back

Clube Lusitano was bent on winning the men's singles in order to be hopeful of the final outcome which hinges on today's last two matches. Local supporters, however, were satisfied by B. V. de Senna's brilliance in completely outplaying his opponent, M. Oliveira. Senna played an all-attacking game from start to finish and it took him less than twenty minutes to polish off the Clube de Recreio representative, winning fairly easily by 15-9 and 15-3. At no time was the local performer on the defensive.

Mrs. A. A. Remedios, in trying to save her team from submerging, gave her supporters no small amount of anxiety at the end of the first set which she lost to Miss M. Xavier, an up-and-coming young visitor.

Both players made a slow start, losing and winning back the serve alternately until Mrs. Remedios struck an unreturnable cross-court drive to break the ice. Miss Xavier replied with a similar shot and the two began to please the crowd with a stream of scintillating plays. The local player had the upperhand, leading at 5-3.

Uphill Battle

Miss Xavier staged an uphill battle, fighting determinedly. She won a soft tap shot and got into stride to wear down her opponent in quick time. Mrs. Remedios had her hands full and slipped off to hand the first set to the Hongkong girl at 11-8.

Mrs. Remedios' breath came back, evidently the brief respite between sets serving like a tonic. For upon the resumption she jumped off in invincible style and garnered eight points in succession. Miss Xavier took the next point but the local exponent gained the next three to finish the session at 11-1 and tie the standing at one game all.

The third and deciding session saw the ultimate winner snatch a lead of 10-nil. She gave away the next three points before winning the concluding tally.

Home Soccer Results

London, Apr. 19.

Following are the results of League Home Soccer matches played today:

English League

1ST DIVISION

Leeds United 2, Huddersfield Town 1
Portsmouth 2, Grimsby Town 1

2ND DIVISION

West Bromwich Albion 0, Swansea Town 0

3RD DIVISION (SOUTHERN)

Aldershot 1, Port Vale 0
Southend United 0, Ipswich Town 0

Scottish League

2ND DIVISION

Leith Athletic 1, St. Bernards 1
Amateur International at Firhill Park, Glasgow
Scotland 1, Ireland 1.—Reuter.

Armstrong to Meet Roderick May 25

London, Apr. 19.

The world welterweight championship fight between Henry Armstrong, the holder, and the British challenger, Ernie Roderick, has been fixed for May 25. The fight will take place at Harringay, over 15 rounds.—Reuter.

S.G.C. Teeing Off Times

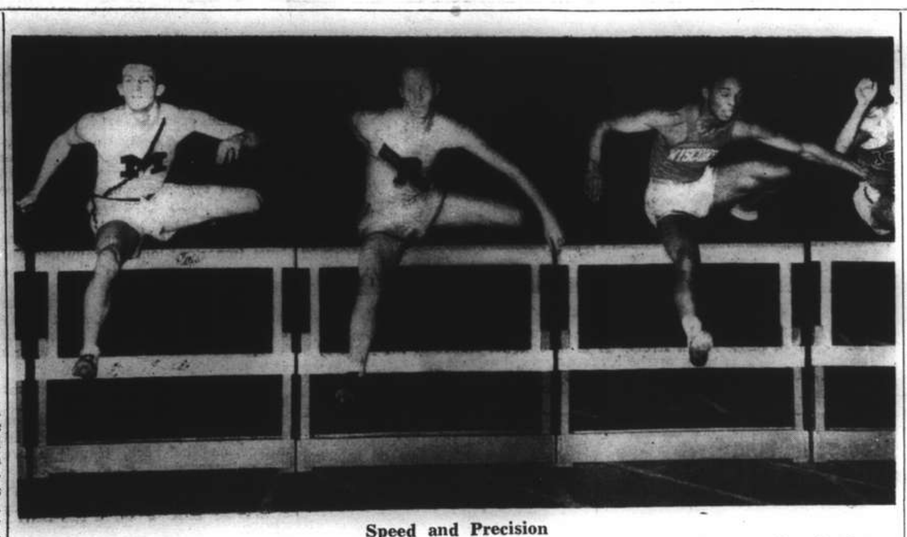
SEEKINGJAO SATURDAY

12.56 Fistere, Reierstad
1.08 Meyerink, Willson
1.12 Schinazi, Ramplin
1.16 Neumann, Kelen/Kench, Lyons
1.28 Johnstone, Dickson
1.32 Snow, McDonald
1.36 Stevenson, Tibble/Piper, Brown
1.48 Bell, Carson/Russell, Cizek
1.56 Openshaw, Smith
2.04 Mennie, Davis
2.08 Underwood, Woolley (4 Ball)
2.12 Gavin, Barry
2.16 King, Ross (4 Ball)
2.24 Ballingall, Riggs
2.28 McCutcheon, Warburton
2.32 Way, Mrs. Way
2.36 Mrs. Germ, Mrs. Harper
2.44 Harper, Partner/Walker, Munn
2.52 Daysdale, MacFarlane
3.04 Cameron, Smith

SEEKINGJAO SUNDAY

8.36 Cizek, Kwilecki/Hartnett, Rogers
8.48 Huggett, Cooper
8.52 Underwood, MacFarlane
8.56 Neumann, Ashworth
9.04 Graham, Jourdin
9.08 Kench, Rampin/Cameron, Smith
9.16 Gavin, Barry/Willson, Davis
9.28 Clark, Stevenson/Brister, Bell
9.36 Meyerink, Wentworth/Captain
9.48 Parry, Pratt/Riggs, McNicoll
9.56 Way, Crowther/Piper, Dixon
10.08 Tibble, Russell/Merritt, Marks
10.16 Farnsworth, Johnstone
10.24 Chalmers, Kennedy
10.28 McCutcheon, Woolley
10.32 Openshaw, Judd
10.36 Rigg, Miss Ross
10.44 Aucott, Mrs. Gordon
10.48 Harper, Mrs. Harper
10.52 Mrs. Way, Mrs. Crowther
10.56 Mrs. Germ, Mrs. Farnsworth
2.04 Crawford, Mennie
2.24 King, Sawyer
2.28 Miss Poate, Miss Patrick

"A" Class April Monthly Cup will be played at Seekingjao over the coming week-end.



Speed and Precision

Gedeon of Michigan is shown at left winning the 70-yard high hurdles at the Big Ten Meet in the fieldhouse of Chicago University. In the centre is Gutting of Purdue, who was second and at right is Smith of Wisconsin.

Police Sports to Begin Tomorrow

Heats and Semi-finals Events to Be Decided At American School

Providing no more rain falls between now and tomorrow afternoon the track and field should be in excellent condition at the Shanghai American School, Avenue Petain, for the semi-finals of the 29th Annual Police Sports. Competition begins at 1.30 p.m. and among the events to be decided are the following Police Championships: Putting The Shot; High Jump; Long Jump; Hop, Step and Jump Throwing the Cricket Ball.

In addition to these tussles, heats of the Two Mile Team Race for the North China Championship and the first round of the Tug of War (Shanghai Open Championship) will be decided, the winners of which will appear in the final to be held at the same venue on Saturday, April 29.

The field events in the Police championships to be held tomorrow should be closely contested and from all appearances it seems that a struggle for supremacy will eventuate between Willie Ward and Alex Prokofieff, both of them well-known in Shanghai for their ability on the sporting field. It is quite likely that several Police records will be shattered by the time these two stalwarts have finished their efforts since it is known that both are considered in the top-flight of athletes in field events in this city.

It would come as no surprise, providing the day is warm, to see the six feet mark exceeded in the High Jump, while in the Long Jump something very close to 21 feet is confidently anticipated. Prokofieff will probably win the Shot Putt with ease but he is likely to receive sterling opposition from George Wade. The former, who formerly held the Far Eastern record for this event, is not easily defeated.

The Two Miles Team Race for the North China Championship will be run off in two heats this week-end, heat winners to compete in the final next Saturday. Twenty-one squads have entered including seventeen Chinese outfits and four foreign Defence Force units. The Lido "A" side is picked to win, but probably will be very hard pressed by the side representing the East Surreys.

In the first round of the Tug of War, the East Surreys will start favourites to overcome the French Forces "A", the Police should account for the Seaforth Highlanders, while the French Forces "B" are expected to take the measure of the U.S. Marines' seniors. Whatever happens, however, this event always draws considerable attention, since the trial of strength, determination and concentration on the job in hand is one that always appeals to the crowd.

As mentioned higher, competition commences at 1.30 p.m. tomorrow and will continue through till well past 5 o'clock, with the events for the Chinese and Sikh Police, of course, predominating in the proceedings.

Two Thousand Guineas Probables

London, Apr. 20.

The following are the probable starters, with their jockeys, for the Two Thousand Guineas Stakes, to be run at Newmarket, over a distance of one mile, on April 26.—

Fulham (Jones); High Peru (Richardson); Wheatland (T. Burns); Fairstone (Beary); Triguero (Bartlam); Signal Light (Pat Beasley); Control (Maher); Tamworth (Perryman); Dispenser (Gordon Richards); Remeo II (Brethes); Llandaff (Lowrey); Morwell (Sam Wragg); His Highness (Crouch); Admirals Walk (Harry Wragg); Dhoti (Charlie Smirke); Potheen (Carslake); Fairfax (Sibbritt); Blue Peter (E. Smith); Rogerstone Castle (Elliott); Atout Maitre (Gardner); Chancery (J. Taylor); Casanova (Nevett); Hypnotist (Stephenson); Fox Cub; Ramboda; Fairchance; Le Manouc; Diadoque.—Reuter.

Dorothy Traung Leads In California Golf

San Francisco, Apr. 19.

One of the best women golfers on the Pacific Coast, Dorothy Traung of San Francisco today held medalist honours as the field got away for the California women's sole championship.—United Press.

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Strange Outcome in Darts League

An accurately hurled dart by Sgt. Fleming of the Seaforths against Louza won the Police Open Darts League title for Gordon Road last night, strange as that may seem. Until last night, the East Surreys led with 29 points with all games played. On their heels were Louza and Gordon Road Stations with 28 points each and one game each to play. The final opponents for each station last night were the Seaforths. Gordon Road beat the Scots by 2-1 and then Louza in the last game had a double nineteen while the Seaforths had a double fifteen. It was here that Sgt. Fleming stepped up and flung the deciding dart, a double fifteen, thus presenting the title to Gordon Road. Louza's loss of 1-2 put the station in a tie with Surreys for second place at 29 points with Gordon Road at 30.

Rain Allows Only One Major Baseball Game

Bees Defeat Phillies by Single Run

New York, Apr. 19.

Unfavourable weather today caused postponement of all major league baseball games with the exception of the Boston Bees—Philadelphia Phillies opener, which Boston won, 7-6. The game was played in Boston.

The Bees trailed until the ninth innings, when Debs Garms' single sent Alfonso Lopez across the home plate, putting the count at six all.

The deadlock in the twelfth innings, when Al Simmons' single brought Garms in.

With the exception of the Reds—Cubs game which was postponed due to cold weather, all other major league games were postponed because of rain.

The Bees used a large staff of pitchers, but it remained for Posedel, who came up to the mound in the tenth innings, to pull the Boston team through to a narrow victory in the twelve-inning tussle.

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*—Twelve innings.—United Press.

Crowds Pay to See Louis Fight

Bout with Roper Unexpected Financial Success

Los Angeles, Apr 19.

Proof that a major prize fight can make money in California comes with the announcement here today that the world heavyweight championship bout between Joe Louis, holder, and Jack Roper, challenger, at Wrigley Field Monday night was a financial success.

The gross receipts for the bout totalled nearly US.$87,000 while the net pay-off, including the purses for the fighters, is less than US.$76,000.

The total paid admissions were nearly 22,000, but the actual number of spectators swelled many thousand above that figure since hundreds were handed special passes.

The announcement that the bout made money came as a surprise, especially in view of the expected one-sidedness of the battle and lack of popularity of Roper.

Louis took the lion's share of the gate, claiming about US.$45,000, thus earning about US.$20,000 for each minute that he fought Roper. This great earning power, however, was far less than what he made when he clashed with Max Schmeling and laid the German low in a single round. On that occasion the Brown Bomber collected almost US$200,000 for each one minute.—United Press.

International Military Winter Sports

Berne, Apr. 18.

The Military Department of the Federal Government today authorized the organization of ski competitions between international military groups. These contests will be held at St. Moritz during the 1940 Winter Olympics. The Department has been instructed to invite foreign Governments to participate in the competitions.—Havas.

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City and Suburban Handicap

Bistolfi Beats Mormond Hill by Five Lengths; Bred in Italy

London, Apr. 19.

Mrs. Lionel Corbett's Bistolfi, at 100-8, ridden by Harry Wragg, won the City and Suburban Handicap by five lengths today.

Second was Major H. T. Barclay's Mormond Hill, at 11-2, ridden by Carslake, with M. M. Boussac's Taran, at 9-1, third by half a length. Bistolfi, the winner, is a four year-old colt.

Bistolfi quickly took the lead, and won in a canter unchallenged by any other mount.

Pigskin, last year's winner, and favourite at 5-1, was not in the first ten of the fourteen runners.

The winner's time was two minutes and 6.4 seconds for the 1¼-mile course. The weather was fine, and the going good.

Bred in Italy, and sired by Singapore, the British St. Leger winner, Bistolfi was bought by the Rev. Lionel Corbett as a present for his wife, after the horse won at Longchamp last year.

Bistolfi came in third in the Italian Derby last year, and was stable companion to Nearco, winner of the French Grand Prix last year, and one of the world's most famous racehorses.

The price paid for Bistolfi was 2,000 guineas.

The owner is the daughter of the late Sir Richard Garton, the brewer, whose estate at death amounted to £2,750,000. Both she and her husband saw their mount win.—Reuter.

Ireland, Scotland Draw In Football Game

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Glasgow, Apr. 19.

Ireland and Scotland drew in the amateur football match here today. It was a dull game, and there was no score in the first half. Kelleher opened the score for Ireland with a header, after which Scotland attacked, McLean, their centre-forward, scoring six minutes from the end.—Reuter.

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New Zealand Suggests 14-a-Side Rugby

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Wellington, Apr. 19.

The New Zealand Rugby Union has decided to suggest at next year's Empire conference that rugby teams should be 14-a-side, in order to avoid return of the wing forward. It is thought that it would also bring about better rugby. The New Zealand Union is also suggesting universal adoption of the 2-3-2 scrum.—Reuter.

Silver King £1,000 Golf Tournament

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 19.

Richard Burton and C. H. Ward won the first round of the Silver King £1,000 professional golf tournament at Moor Park today, with a score of 67. They equalled the course record. The best score on the shorter west course is 69, by last year's winners, Charles Whitcombe and Sam King.—Reuter.

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Best Local Volleyball Teams Clash

Crucial League Encounter Won by Navy Y.M.C.A.

Overcoming the Foreign Y.M.C.A. by a two-one score in one of the crucial matches in the Invitation Volleyball League on Thursday evening, the Navy Y.M.C.A., after a lapse of three years, came back in sterling fashion and will most probably win the championship for 1939.

Y. Z. Chen and P. Y. Mak were the stars, who played in their usual brilliant form with terrific smashes. Willis Hathaway also shared honours with his clever tactics in putting over a number of well placed shots. The rest of the team helped in setting up the numerous plays whilst the Foreign "Y" failed to combine with the same co-ordination. Alex Prokofieff and Pompey Matulis were in their usual form, gaining most of the points for the home team but they lacked adequate support.

More than 400 spectators watched the Foreign "Y" take a short-lived lead of 2-0 as the Navy team lost no time to garner three points in a row. The score was then tied twice, 4-all and 5-all. The efforts of Prokofieff and Matulis enabled the Foreign "Y" to get an edge for the second time at 9-7 but they were unable to hold the lead and lost the first set by 15-10.

The trailers took quick action upon resumption and grabbed a commanding lead of 9-1 to breeze through and deadlock the score at 1-all by a similar margin of 15-10 in the second set. In the third and deciding session the Navy "Y" dominated towards the closing stages. The Foreign "Y" forged into an early lead of 6-3 but it availed nothing as the opponents fought confidently to overtake the foe and finish the encounter at 15-8.

The Foreign "Y" suffered another loss when the Giants sexette bowed in defeat to the Russian Club "B" in the Second Division, thereby making the Russians the only ones who have yet to meet defeat in Section I play. The score read 12-15, 15-12 and 15-10.

Annual Hong Foursomes Draw Announced

Play at Hungjao Course To Begin at Once

Competition is to begin almost immediately in the Hong Foursomes held by the Hungjao Golf Club for the Annual Challenge Cup presented by "L.B.&M." Rivalry is always keen in this knockout tournament for which the draw has just been announced. It is open to members and associate members of the Club.

The preliminary rounds will be over eighteen holes with the final going to 36 holes. With regard to handicap, three-eighths of the difference between the aggregate stroke play handicaps on either side will apply. A half or over counts as one. Smaller fractions count as nothing. No couple is to receive more than one stroke from its opponents.

As is customary, the first-named couple in every match is to arrange the play-off and where the match is not played by the specified date the second-named couple will automatically enter the next round; no extensions of time will be allowed. In the event of a tie, the match is to continue until a hole is won. Players are being requested to get their matches off as soon as possible.

First round.—A. J. Grnt and H. F. B. Gardiner (30) A.P.C. v. G. D. Nicholl and E. C. Robinson (16) Manuf. Life; H. Martin Little and E. A. P. Wood (22) Waterworks v. T. W. Gubb and G. H. Mann (17) S.M.C.

Second Round.—Drs. W. S. Parsons and L. McGolrick (33) Drs. Jackson and Partners v. L. Ovadia and E. G. Smith-Wright (29) of E. D. Sassoon; C. B. Gillvie and H. F. Prytherch (39) of Waterworks v. J. N. Bates and T. S. Powell (32) of A.P.C.; G. E. Marden and W. J. Hawkings (23) of Messrs. Wheelock v. C. M. Wentworth and L. R. Andrews (25) of Wentworth and Andrews; C. D. Culbertson and C. O. Cumming (20) of Swan, Culbertson v. G. G. C. Harper and B. H. Puckle (32) of Jardine's; A. H. K. Cobb and C. Maclean (34) of Union Insurance v. E. McLaren and J. A. Blackwood (23) of Butterfield's; J. A. Mackay and K. K. Rounds (28) of National City Bank v. D. R. Glass and H. R. Cleland (16) of "L.B. & M."

First Round.—R. Lock and C. L. L. Williams (39) of Waterworks v. F. G. Harrison and G. F. H. Bichard (20) of Benjamin & Potts; W. C. Bond and T. R. Chassels (21) of Butterfield's v. F. A. Jardine's.

The times for completion of rounds are; 1st round.—April 30; 2nd round.—May 14; 3rd round.—May 21; semi-finals.—May 28; final on June 4.

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 19.

Following are results of games in the Rugby League played today:

Batley 3, Hunslet 12
Salford 14, Leeds 10
Bradford 17, Widnes 5.—Reuter.

St. George's Ball Being Held Tonight

Children's Party Tomorrow Afternoon

The annual St. George's Ball will be held in the ballroom of the Cercle Sportif Francais, commencing at 9.30 p.m. tonight, and the annual children's party, which proved so very successful last year, will get under way at 4 p.m. tomorrow at the Country Club.

There was no ball last year as the conditions prevailing at the time induced the committee to dispense with it, but when the question of the ball was put to a vote at the annual meeting some two months ago, a unanimous vote was given in its favour.

Tonight's affair, which promises to be one of the most outstanding in the annals of the Society's local branch, is in the hands of the following committees:

Reception:—The President, the Vice President, and Members of the Committee.

Late Reception:—Messrs. T. G. Drakeford, A. H. George, Harold Reynell, H. G. W. Woodhead, E. A. P. Wood.

Military Band:—Mr. W. P. Lambe.

Beef-eaters:—Mr. T. G. Drakeford.

Boy Scouts:—Mr. H. K. Cassels.

French Club Band:—Mr. E. F. Harris.

Bar:—Messrs. W. J. Gande, G. G. C. Harper, W. J. Hawkings, Gordon Morriss, G. E. Mitchell, C. C. Todd.

Supper:—Dr. E. G. Gauntlett, Messrs. E. S. Wilkinson, T. G. Drakeford, J. N. Bates, E. F. Harris, G. E. Mitchell, C. C. Todd.

Decorations:—Messrs. W. P. Lambe, R. T. Peyton-Griffin, C. S. Speyer, E. A. P. Wood, N. W. Peach.

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Debutantes:—Mr. E. S. Wilkinson.

Ball Secretary (Invitations):—C. S. Speyer.

Hungjao Ladies' Golf Tournaments

Events Arranged to Be Held on May 5

The Hungjao Ladies' Golf Club will hold an open tournament at Hungjao on Friday, May 5. In the morning eighteen holes of medal play on handicap will take place and in the afternoon a two-club competition over nine holes on half handicap will follow, consisting of approaching, putting and clock golf.

Entries are to be sent, not later than Tuesday, May 2, to Mrs. M. Barter, 869 Rue Ratard (Tel. 72417).

The two-club nine holes medal competition on half handicap will be played from holes one to seven and fourteen to fifteen. Any two clubs may be used. The approaching and putting will be held on the 1st Green, and the clock golf on the 18th Green.

Canidrome Results

1—440 yd. flat.—1, Betty; 2, Red Dawn. Also ran:—Double Ten, Victory II, Paper Boy, Dinna Ken. 5 lengths.—Time, 27.14. Win, $2.80. Forecast (1-2) Div. $51.00. Place, 1st $6.60; 2nd $10.20.

2—500 yd. flat.—1, Gold Cap; 2, Princeton. Also ran:—My Gal, Arrow, Chop Suey, Slippery Sam. 5 lengths.—Time, 31.02. Win, $23.50. Forecast (1-3) Div. $80.90. Place, 1st $14.00; 2nd $9.50. Double Event 1/2 (1-1) Div. $22.00.

3—500 yd. flat.—1, El Caballero; 2, Pearl's Fancy. Also ran:—Mr. Ching, Se You Kee, Mascot Major, Gator. A neck.—Time, 31.19. Win, $9.30. Forecast (4-2) Div. $49.00. Place, 1st $7.70; 2nd $18.80. Double Event 2/3 (1-4) Div. $29.20.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, State Lottery; 2, Dah Chong. Also ran:—Flying Colleen, Sam Holer, Mireille, Simple Dale. 3 lengths.—Time, 31.22. Win, $18.10. Forecast (1-2) Div. $47.60. Place, 1st $9.90; 2nd $9.50. Double Event 3/4 (4-1) Div. $13.00.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Five Stars II; 2, Speedwing. 4 lengths.—Time, 30.47. Win, $21.20. Forecast (6-4) Div. $98.70. Place, 1st $9.70; 2nd $12.70. Double Event 4/5 (1-6) Div. $34.10.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Jacko; 2, Master Bill. A head.—Time, 30.88. Win, $50.50. Forecast (5-1) Div. $462.50. Place, 1st $24.50; 2nd $21.80. Double Event 5/6 (6-5) Div. $81.70.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, O'Branagan; 2, Matador. 1½ length.—Time, 30.38. Win, $24.70. Forecast (4-3) Div. $217.00. Place, 1st $12.40; 2nd $17.70. Double Event 6/7 (5-4) Div. $167.00.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Actor; 2, Bethany. 2½ lengths.—Time, 30.35. Win, $37.40. Forecast (1-5) Div. $175.10. Place, 1st $13.80; 2nd $10.00. Double Event 7/8 (4-1) Div. $60.00.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Wild Harmony; 2, Chekiang. 5 lengths.—Time, 29.82. Win, $32.30. Forecast (5-4) Div. $305.70. Place, 1st $21.80; 2nd $19.50. Double Event 8/9 (1-5) Div. $303.70.

10—525 yd. flat.—1, Madam's Hope; 2, Gold Brick. 3 lengths.—Time, 31.59. Win, $21.90. Forecast (4-1) Div. $44.10. Place, 1st $7.40; 2nd $7.30. Double Event 9/10 (5-4) Div. $69.50.

11—525 yd. flat.—1, Lido; 2, Marchioness. 2 lengths.—Time, 30.97. $67.50. Win, $21.30. Forecast (6-3) Div. Place, 1st $11.80; 2nd $12.30. Double Event 10/11 (4-6) Div. $45.60.

Japanese Encircle Lushan Range

Attempt to Bottle Up Chinese Defenders of Kuling Resort

Hankow, Apr. 19.

Extending their gains in a swift manœuvre designed to cut off the retreat of the Chinese troops which defended Kuling, strong Japanese units which captured the famous summer resort yesterday were throwing encircling lines around the Lushan Mountain area south-west of the town today.

There were indications that about 600 Chinese troops, part of those which held out in Kuling for several months, already have retreated toward Huanglaomen by way of Mahuiling.

Another Japanese detachment which advanced from the north-west captured Hupeiling, a Lushan peak, at 8.30 o'clock this morning and continued to pursue Chinese forces toward the south.

Up to midnight on Tuesday Chinese forces opposing this detachment had abandoned 80 dead. The Japanese captured 200 rifles, one trench motar, four heavy machine guns, and large quantities of hand grenades and other ammunition.—Domei.

Advance in Shansi

Taiyuan, Apr. 19.

Two Japanese detachments which defeated Chinese troops in the vicinity of Hoti, south-east of Wensi in southern Shansi, at daybreak yesterday pushed north-east from Yangtsun and Hsiaowantgsun and at 8.30 o'clock held a line running east and west through Hamokwan. They were continuing their drive southward.

Part of the same detachments are at present attacking Chinese troops at Feishetsun, six kilometers north-east of Yenchangchen, 10 kilometres south-east of Wensi. An army air unit assisted the ground forces.—Domei.

Pinglu Bombed

A Japanese Army Air Base, Apr. 20.

Flying in unfavourable weather over southern Shansi, a Japanese army air squadron bombed Chinese military establishments in the vicinity of Pinglu, on the northern bank of the Yellow River at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Simultaneously, another unit of the same squadron staged a bombing raid on Chinese troop concentrations at Chaokiyuan, where heavy losses were claimed to have been inflicted.

All the planes engaged in the bombardments returned to their bases safely.—Domei.

Fighting Near Kaifeng

Peiping, Apr. 20.

Engagements between Chinese and Japanese troops near Kaifeng, in north-eastern Honan, concerning which contradictory reports have been circulated in the past few days, ended on Tuesday with the Japanese occupation of Chungkou, on the new bed of the Yellow River, according to reports received here from Japanese sources.

The main theatre of military operations at present, it is stated, is about 35 miles south of Kaifeng.

Chinese claims of military successes on the Honan and Shansi fronts are declared by Japanese spokesmen to be highly tendentious and made with the object of influencing favourably negotiations of the Chungking government with the democratic powers and the Soviet Union.

All Chinese attempts to advance, Japanese sources declare, have ended in total failure and heavy losses, also in conflicts between pro-Soviet Chinese troops and Nationalist troops.—Trans-Ocean.

Yunnan Railway Attacked

Hanoi, Apr. 20.

Operation of the 50-kilometre branch of the Yunnan railway linking Mengtze on the main line with the tin mines at Kukiu has been interrupted since April 13, when Japanese naval aircraft subjected the Mengtze railway yards to an intensive bombardment, information obtained today said.

The bombing, according to reports reaching here, have thrown the population along the railway into a state of acute uneasiness as fears are felt that the Japanese forces will again attack the railway, which, since the fall of Nanchang is the only rail line from Kuomintang controlled territory to the sea.—Domei.

Hainan Mopping-up

Japanese naval forces which made a surprise landing at Poaokang in the eastern part of Hainan Island on Sunday were now engaged in mopping-up operations in the areas around Lokwei, the headquarters of the China Sea Fleet announced in a communiqué issued yesterday afternoon.

Naval landing parties attacked Tengkiu in the southern part of the island on Monday and defeated about 400 troops, the statement said. The Japanese suffered no losses, according to the communiqué.

Naval aircraft co-operating with army forces bombed Chinese positions east of Chaoyuan and at Kwokiatien in the Shantung promontory on Saturday and caused heavy damage, the statement continued.

Naval landing parties accompanied by about 40 members of a pacification corps on April 12 started mopping-up operations against Chinese troops on Mt. Tsiyun on the southern side of Mt. North Yuntai in north-eastern Kiangsu. The Chinese were routed, the statement said.

Mediation Offer Denied

London, Apr. 20.

The Japanese newspaper report stating that Britain has offered mediation in the Sino-Japanese conflict is described officially as absolutely untrue.—Reuter.

Treasures Recovered From ss. Paris

Chiang Kai-shek's Exhibit For New York Fair Saved

Le Havre, Apr. 19.

Art treasures valued at £150,000, destined for the New York World's Fair, £430,000 in jewellery and £3,000,000 in gold have been recovered from the French Line ss. Paris, which capsized after burning for five hours in dock.—Reuter.

Jade Shrine Saved

New York, Apr. 20.

A priceless eight foot white jade shrine of the Imperial Family of China which General Chiang Kai-shek is sending to the New York World's Fair, narrowly escaped damage yesterday when fire swept through the ss. Paris at Le Havre. The shrine was to have been shipped to the United States on the Paris.

French line officials said that the shrine had become wet when firemen directed their hoses into the hold of the ship. The rare exhibition piece was rescued and taken ashore without damage before the Paris turned over.—United Press.

Chinese Canton Advance Called Ridiculous

Japanese Deny Claims of Successes

Canton, Apr. 20.

"Too ridiculous even to contradict" was how the Japanese army spokesman today characterized the Chinese reports from Shanghai that Chinese vanguards had advanced to five miles from Canton.

He added that the Japanese were counter-attacking on all fronts in South China.

Reuters correspondent was driven to the White Cloud mountain aerodrome, on the outskirts of Canton, where everything was very quiet and not a single rifle shot was heard.—Reuter.

Two Hotels Raided By Police

No Arrests, Seizures Made in Early Evening Searches

Detectives from Louza station, in co-operation with the Reserve Unit and about 50 members of the Russian Regiment, Shanghai Volunteer Corps, staged two raids early yesterday evening, no arrests or seizures being made.

The first place to be visited, was the Grand Hotel at the corner of Canton and Yu Ya Ching Roads, which the Volunteers surrounded a few minutes after 6 p.m. Shortly afterwards, the Red Marias and a van containing the detective parties arrived on the scene and commenced a systematic search of the large building. When this raid was completed some 30 minutes afterwards, the convoy proceeded to the Hotel of China on Kweichow Road where the same procedure was adopted.

Pedestrians who found themselves within the cordoned-off districts, were submitted to a careful search prior to being permitted to leave, whilst no one was allowed to enter or leave the hotels when the raids were in progress.

As usual, the search parties worked with lightening rapidity, searching all rooms and guests. No arrests or seizures were made however. The police parties returned to Louza station shortly before 7 p.m.

M. Daladier Sees Sir Robert Vansittart

Paris, Apr. 20.

The Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, conferred today with Sir Robert Vansittart, Diplomatic Advisor to His Majesty's Government, who passed through Paris this morning.—Havas.

Police Find Explosives At Willesden

London, Apr. 20.

The police discovered a depot of explosives in a house at Willesden today, containing about 100 lb. of highly explosive cartridges. One of the occupants of the house was questioned.—Havas.

Weapon Used in Shooting Has Long Police Record

Details of Wednesday's Attempted Hold-up

The pistol used by one of three gunmen, in their attempted highway robbery on Yu Yuen Road shortly before 8 p.m. on Wednesday, was believed to have a long police history, it was understood yesterday. The victim-to-be, a tea-merchant, who had been injured by one of the gunmen as the trio tried to escape into alleyway 1125, told investigating police officers, that at the time of the attack he had alighted from a number 9 bus on his way to the Hollywood Gardens gambling den.

As will be recalled, the tea merchant was ordered to walk along with the gangsters who presumably had planned to rob him in one of the dark lanes. Fortunately for him however, Detective Inspector J. C. Crighton, in company with Mrs. Crighton had alighted from a bus that had arrived at the same stop a few seconds beforehand and had noticed the suspicious behaviour of the trio. Inspector Crighton pushed his wife between the two buses so that she would be out of the firing line and then noticed how the thugs made off with the tea merchant as one of the trio pulled a Mauser pistol from underneath his coat. In great presence of mind, Inspector Crighton accompanied his wife to the other side of the street, told her to take cover in a near by alleway and proceeded to load his service weapon. The clicking of the pistol's slide however, was a signal for the thug who aimed at the detective and fired one shot. Inspector Crighton thereupon fired three shots, missing the man. The gunman than ran into an alleyway after firing another shot at the tea merchant who had been thrown to the ground by the other two criminals, when they ran into the alleyway to escape the line of fire.

The detective then gave chase and fired two additional shots at the fleeing gunman who staggered for a few moments but managed to escape as the police officer's view was obstructed by a number of pedestrians in the alleyway.

Meanwhile, the tea merchant, who had only sustained a slight wound on the right leg, ran along Yu Yuen Road but was caught by Inspector Crighton who took him to his home from where he informed Bubbling Well Police station of the occurrence.

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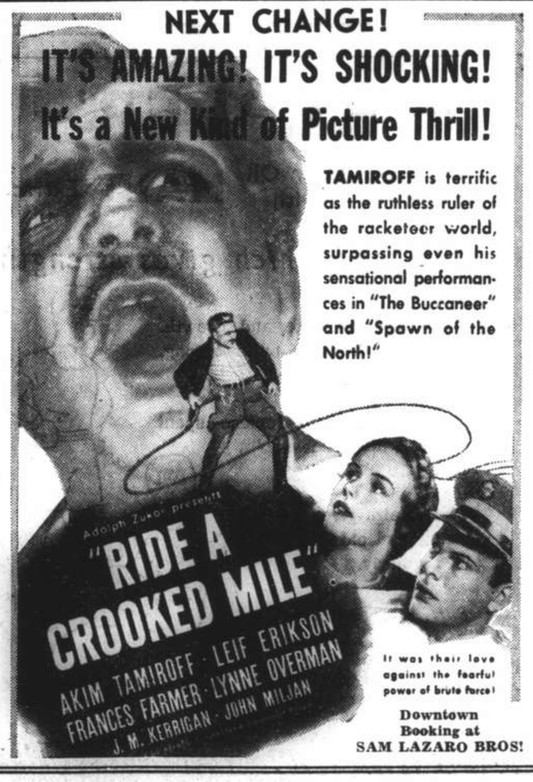
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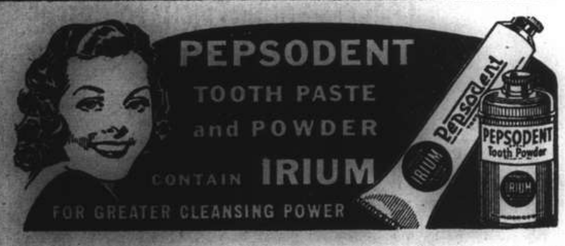

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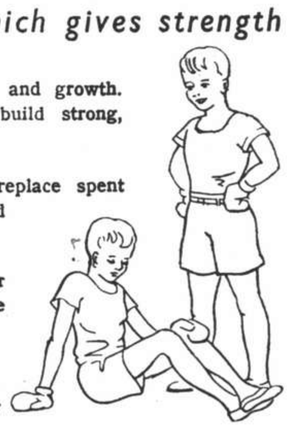

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DEATHS

ABRAHAM.—On April 20, 1939, at The Radium Institute, Shanghai, MARCUS, HAYIM ABRAHAM, aged 17 years. Funeral services will be held today, at Baikal Road Cemetery, at 12.15 p.m. -5098

LEE.—On Thursday, April 20, 1939, at his residence, 236 Route de Boissezon, Shanghai, Dr. JOHN Y. LEE, aged 54 years, the dearly-beloved husband of Mrs. Maude S. Lee and father of Ellen Grace and Beatrice Dorothy Lee. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Saturday, April 22, at the Community Church, 53 Avenue Petain, at 3.30 p.m. (Hongkong papers please copy.)

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ENGLAND AND ST. GEORGE

Owing to the fact that St. George's Day falls on Sunday next, the celebrations in connection with England's patron saint commence today with the annual ball of the Royal Society of St. George (Shanghai Branch). It is consequently fitting that reference should be made to this important annual English festival in today's editorial comment. Much has been written about the fact that England's patron saint was not a native of the land. That in reality does not matter, for so long as St. George, the force of good, is depicted slaying the dragon of evil, so long will he be the personification if not of English performance at least of English desires. Much has happened since Englishmen last celebrated their saint's day. The world has passed through a number of crises which the English as well as all the other Britons have faced with that calmness, and courage which are the accepted qualities of the race. Indeed even more may be said, and that is that during this past twelve-months there has been just as much of the old muddling through as ever before, and, if now there are to be noticed signs of a determination to secure better preparation against whatever vicissitudes the future may have in store, it is probably only the result of the perception of peril which passes when the old English methods will again revive. To muddle through is now an inherent habit; it may be eradicated one of these days, but, if it is, one of the characteristics most perplexing to the foreigner will have disappeared, and a feature which so often makes the English so much of an unknown quantity will no longer have to be reckoned with by the statesmen of the world. There need be no great glorification of this failing so peculiar to the English, for undoubtedly it does mitigate against national efficiency, but fortunately only for a very short while, for the elasticity of the national character soon finds remedies in the face of danger.

In the course of the latest royal command performance in which Louis N. Parker's famous pageant play "Drake" was produced a lump was brought to the Queen's throat by those memorable words which form the climax of the play. Drake is made to say "See that you hold fast to the heritage we leave you.....Men of England, hitherto we have been too much afraid—henceforth we will fear only God." There is so much of history, so much of advice in those words,—Drake realizing the fear England was under when the invasion of the country was threatened by Spain and when that nation was mustering her huge galleons to descend upon that "little isle set in the silver sea," with the troops gathering in the Netherlands, and then that fear bred of anxiety quietly transformed into the high courage with which the onslaught was eventually met. That was the history to be found in that passage "Men of England hitherto we have been too much afraid." The advice was to hold fast to the heritage which Drake and his like had through their bravery and skill bequeathed to their country, and finally the exhortation to fear none but God Himself. It is the soundest advice that ever playwright could have put into the mouth of such a figure as Drake, the embodiment of pluck, the personification of the sea tradition which is peculiarly that of the Englishman. He was not valiant as the "wrathful dove or most magnanimous mouse," but like that lion which typifies the Briton and the Englishman, and if the sword was too often in the hands of such men of the sea, it must be remembered that those were times when so many handled the same weapon, when force alone was the arbiter amongst nations, when a sharp edge solved more problems for the nation and the individual than has ever been the case since. Englishmen may fancy they see in the perils of today something not unlike those which existed in the time of Queen Elizabeth, the time of Merry England, when the best was being got out of life by following the old advice of living dangerously. Unfortunately living dangerously is not likely to produce a merry England today, or give much cause for rejoicing to any other nation, but it is being forced upon the world and the only way to meet it is with a high hand and unfaltering courage.

And should Drake's drum be heard again is it to be believed that Englishmen will be found wanting? There has not been a century, since the sound of that instrument first signalled war, when someone or other has not professed to find signs of English decay, not a decade when some Cassandra has found symptoms of that falling sickness of which the "envy of less happier lands" has been continually in search. In many cases the wish has been the parent of the thought and many of the prophets have already been betrayed by the facts, as those Jeremiahs who preach the same old, familiar gospel will undoubtedly be in the future. The generation which did so splendidly at Zeebrugge on St. George's day twenty-one years ago is not yet dead. Those men who carried out one of the most stirring enterprises of the Great War can never die. Of some the souls passed on that fateful morning. They live in a story as epic as that of any of the St. Crispin's days which have marked the history of the English. Others still live to keep alive for a few years more the spoken word of that most gallant day, and the present generation thrills to the fortitude and courage of its immediate predecessor. To believe that in one generation the character of a people can be changed from heroic qualities to craven is to believe on the other hand that the coward can as easily be transformed into a hero. There are undoubtedly those who would like to see a decadent England, believing that, with such a canker eating at the heart of the British Empire, it would speedily collapse. They will have to wait a long time, longer, perhaps, than is convenient to them. The calmness with which the British public faced the crises of the last twelve months, the complete absence of war hysteria, the determination with which they went about their business are all signs that England, remaining true to herself, is still the object lesson to the vast Empire which it helped so greatly to create. "Men of England, hitherto we have been too much afraid—henceforth we will fear only God."

British Naval Changes

The Admiralty's announcement that H.M.S. Cardiff is being withdrawn from the Far Eastern station and will be replaced by a more modern vessel has, not unnaturally, aroused great interest in naval circles. H.M.S. Cardiff left Shanghai on Tuesday for Hongkong and it is reported that her place on the station may be taken by H.M.S. Edinburgh now undergoing trials. In any event, the replacement will be a new cruiser, made possible by Britain's new building programme which has been designed on such a vast scale that additions to the fleet will be made at the rate of one vessel a week. H.M.S Cardiff is an old cruiser, having been completed under the Great War programme, and possessing a long term of war service before being sent to overseas stations. She is not the oldest ship in commission, for dreadnoughts like the Queen Elizabeth and Warspite built before the war are still in service and are outstanding units after extensive modernization which places them among the most powerful warships in the world despite their age. As far as the Far East is concerned, Admiralty's decision means the restoration of the British China Fleet to its pre-war strength in view of the strategic importance of this station and the widely scattered interests involved. The limitations of the Washington treaty prevented the accomplishment of this intention but the new policy of replacement will result in the gradual modernizing of the China Fleet and the strengthening of the British naval position in this part of the world.

Tattoos as Usual

In spite of the difficult political situation in Europe, it is announced that the annual naval and military displays for charity purposes will be held as usual in England. There will be three military tattoos and a joint defence forces tournament at Olympia. The premier event, of course is the Aldershot Tattoo in Rushmore Arena starting on June 7 when the theme will be Drake's Drum—"Strike et when your powder's runnin' low," a contingency which is rapidly being overcome by the British rearmament programme. There will also be tattoos for the North Command at Roundhay Park, Leeds, and at Tidworth on Salisbury Plain when the programmes will follow the usual lines. The Royal Naval, Military and Air Force tournament will be at the Olympia, London, next month but this is largely a sporting event. Nothing has been announced individually for the Air Force although there will be the usual Navy Week at the southern naval centres in August. The only role of the Air Force will be in the sporting events at Olympia and in one of the pageants at Rushmore. Hendon, of course, is now dead but never forgotten. The annual Air Force pageant at Hendon was one of the most impressive demonstrations in the world and never failed to attract less than half a million people, but service and mechanical considerations conspired to kill it. The concentration there of crack squadrons and new machines meant dislocation of normal aerodrome routine throughout the country, while aircraft have made such vast advances in recent years, especially in regard to speed, that Hendon, associated with Graham White and pioneers of the early days of aviation, was deemed no longer suitable for the high-speed performances of modern R.A.F. craft. This tendency was noticed four years ago when the only thing most spectators saw of some machines was a blur on the horizon, and most planes had to be accommodated at neighbouring aerodromes in order to appear promptly on the programme. It is a pity, for aerial expansion needs public demonstration to reveal the marvellous progress made. It is possible that there will be an Empire Air Day when the public are permitted to visit aerodromes and see for themselves that British production is by no means in retard.

British Trade Stability

The stability of British trade conditions is well instanced by a return showing that the number of commercial failures in the United Kingdom has declined steadily since 1932. The total for 1938 was 5,550, and this is the lowest figure for the past fifteen years, the number in 1924 having been over 8,000. On the positive side the commercial stability of the country may be seen from the dividend payments made by British concerns. On one day in March ten companies declared dividends varying from five to 22½ per cent, and in only two cases were these rates below those paid in the previous year. So far this year the aggregate dividends distributed by British companies have not been so large as in the corresponding period of last year; but this reduction was anticipated as representing the normal result of time-lag, because the effects of a somewhat depressed period in 1937 and part of 1938 could only now be reflected in the profits earned then. In spite of that, the earnings of most British enterprises continue to be very satisfactory. A tramway company, for instance, in a provincial city made profits of £267,000 last year, against £165,000 in the previous year, and the earnings of one of the large British cable factories at £808,000 were only £27,000 less than a year ago. As regards British export trade, reports from various industries indicate a much brighter outlook, and the Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade declared recently that he thought that before the end of the year Great Britain would be in a much stronger position than to-day.

A COUNTRY DIARY

April 20.—Have many things to record concerning my recent Weihaiwei trip—but could not resist this letter which, so to speak, fell into my hands as I stood below my poplar tree this morning admiring Maggie's new family: the facts concerned are perfectly true and this is how it seemed to be written (to her Hungjao cousin, of course): "Dearest Margs, this is the anniversary of a great European statesman's birthday, so I celebrated it by bringing out the new family: call them the three debutantes, but Father calls them something quite different: the youngest one, Emmy-Lea, is a saucy little monkey and the first thing she said when she got out of the nest was "Heil"; I said, "Hush dear, what *will* the neighbours think?" Emmy-Lea is really sweet and is named after her great-grandmother who married into the well-known Worcestershire family of Perrins; she has certainly inherited all their pep. As you know, my dear, the whole family are of noble origin....and I am very keen on all these matters. Which reminds me of something I *must* tell you: what do you think the dumb-cluck in charge of this establishment has done now? He has invited those disreputable relatives of mine, the Rooks, to come and feed here; they could not possibly live here....I would see to that....but they take their meals here daily to my continual annoyance: the Blackbirds cause enough trouble as it is, but they are not relatives of mine, so I do not worry about them so much. When I bring the question up Father tells me not to be so snooty.... but, after all, if we birds cannot be a bit snooty who can? Look at the Woodcocks and Snipes for example. Sometimes I really don't know what this city is coming to: strangers are pouring in from every side and very soon those nosey Orioles will be here. I'm very glad that I've got my girls out....and my responsibilities are nearly over....the Spring is in my bones and I sometimes feel quite flighty. Zikkety-zaak. Yours Maggie."

IN PARENTHESIS

Odd

A LIGHTHOUSE has been found upside down in the Wash. Foul play is suspected.

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Darter

"I HEAR your husband's a good darts player?"

"Ay, and he should be, too. When he comes home from his work at night he darts into his tea, darts into the kitchen for a wash, darts upstairs and changes his clothes and then darts into the nearest pub."

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New Dish

IN the mess-room of a railway station a hefty guard was sterilizing his whistle in a pan of boiling water.

One of his colleagues asked another, "What's 'e doin'?"

"Lumme!" was the reply, "'E must be 'ungry—'e's cooking the pea in his whistle for dinner."

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Heard in Court

WOMAN: He has a great contempt for the law, and he has actually told me that he is not afraid to see his name in lights outside the police station.

Witness: They were holding a sort of garden party. The woman was standing in the scullery doorway throwing cups, and the man on the lawn was ducking.

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For Strong Men

A CROWD had gathered round a man who was selling tins of corn cure. After a long speech on its qualities, he asked if anyone in the crowd had bought a tin before.

A voice from the back of the crowd shouted, "Yes, I bought one ten days ago."

"Thank you, sir," said the salesman. "And did you find it all I say?"

"Yes—and more. My missus didn't know what it was, so she used it to polish the furniture, and it took all the knobs off the chest o' drawers!"

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Unearthly

Two boys climbed over a wall into a lonely graveyard to share a bag of nuts, but dropped two while climbing the wall.

Two tramps who were passing stopped to listen to what they thought was an angel and the devil dividing the souls.

They had listened to a voice saying: "One to you and one to me," for some time. Suddenly it paused and said: "That is the lot except for the two over the wall."

The tramps took to their heels, and have not been back since.

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Shrewd

LITTLE Tommy entered the general dealer's shop with an empty syrup tin and asked for half a pint of varnish. After the varnish had been poured into the tin the boy said:—"Father will pay you next week."

But the shopkeeper thought otherwise and emptied the tin, which he gave back to the boy.

Picking it up, the youngster looked into the tin and said: "Father said you would leave enough in the tin; he only wants to varnish a walking-stick!"

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Down Memory Lane

The wag who contributed a story about a man who counted sheep at the opera recalls the experience of a friend in Paris.

A martyr to insomnia, he found his only relief in opera. One night at the Paris Opera, however, even this sedative failed and desperately he began to count sheep.

When he reached the total of 2,336 he suddenly realized to his horror that he was awake, that the stage was full of sheep, and that the chorus were counting with him.

Noticing his alarm a programme girl hurried to him and explained that the opera being performed was "The Sheep Dippers," by Baa-Baa.

"It is a favourite opera with the farmers," she added. "They come from miles around to hear Jellynek sing her big aria: Fat Stock Prices are Soaring To-night."

So now he counts boa-constrictors.

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Cantered

JOVIAL Judge may have been scratched from the National with an injured knee, but he showed no sign of being in anything but splendid form yesterday writes a British columnist.

Cantering three times round the Central Criminal Court he gave the prisoners in the dock an object lesson as he swung into the straight.

Finally he cleared a pile of briefs in a flash and rose from the bench with a smartness that delighted the officials.

"Tell the Master of the Rolls to get me some grub," he said as he adjourned the Court for lunch. "And remind him," he added, "that I'm not on the Hay Diet."

General opinion is that he will yet stay the course. "Scratch a lawyer and find a rogue," an expert told me last night, "and who runs faster than a rogue?"

Meanwhile the Lord Chancellor has put his wig on him.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

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Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 19th:—Normal to high and steady pressure over north-eastern China, Korea and Japan. Low in the south-west. North-easterly to south-easterly winds along the Coast. Cloudy weather in the north: overcast and foggy along the Coast to the south of the Saddles.

State on the morning of the 20th:—Overcast and foggy weather. South-easterly breezes. Pressure rather low and steady.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy weather with local showers and south-easterly winds around Shantung. Overcast to cloudy and misty with variable winds over our regions; with moderate cyclonic circulation over the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Il Duce Rejects Plea From U.S. President

Italy and Germany Work for Peace; "Absurd To Place Axis Powers in Dock"; Experience Of Conferences Too Bitter, Failure Foreseen

Rome, Apr. 20.

SIGNOR Benito Mussolini, Prime Minister and Duce of Fascist Italy, today virtually rejected President Roosevelt's plea for a pledge from the Totalitarian States. The Italian leader insisted that Italy and Germany were working for peace and desired to be left alone. Replying to the President's appeal in a speech at Campodoglio, Il Duce said, "it is absurd to place the Axis Powers on the bench of the accused. We reply to this message by saying Italy and Germany are working for peace. We do not want to attack anyone. We want to be left alone to work in peace."

Signor Mussolini condemned the "hysteria" gripping "certain countries on the other side of the Alps." He said that the gathering he now addressed was pacific, therefore there was no cause for alarm. He added that there were 15,000 workers in Italy busily engaged in building a World's Fair. "If we wished to light a fuse for an explosion," he continued, "we would not have concentrated our efforts on this work."

He said that the ceremony at Campodoglio, which is the site chosen for the Rome World's Fair for 1942, represented, "first, a great act of mobilization. Those beyond the frontiers must not be alarmed at the sound of this word. It is a pacific mobilization, with no weapons involved. It is a mobilization of 15,000 workers. If we wished to light a fuse for an explosion, if we were planning threats and aggressive designs we would not be dedicating ourselves to a work of such gigantic proportions as that of organizing a world exhibition.

"If we had aggressive designs we would not have all the nations taking part in the fair. If, despite the dark clouds on the horizon, we dare continue our work tenaciously, it should be interpreted as a promising sign that we do not want to attack anyone and all that we want is to be allowed to continue with our work."

Guarantees Called "Absurd"

Il Duce denounced as absurd the "system of a reciprocal ten-year guarantee as well as the pyramidal errors of geography incurred by individuals who lack a rudimentary knowledge of European affairs."

President Roosevelt, it was recalled, suggested a ten or possibly 25-year Italo-German non-aggression guarantee.

Il Duce then referred to President Roosevelt's message by saying, "it is highly unjust and in every sense unjustifiable to attempt to place the Axis nations on the bench of the accused."

Il Duce spoke at the Julius Caesar Hall of Campodoglio, or the ancient Roman capital. He started speaking to the workers at 11.30 a.m. He was very calm but firm throughout the speech.

Bitter Experiences Recalled

Referring to President Roosevelt's message, he declared, "as far as the suggested conference is concerned and in which the United States would limit itself to its customary role of a distant spectator, experience has given us bitter lessons.

"The greater the number of persons in a conference the more certain it is doomed to failure. Whether or not a reply is sent to that famous message, I could not fail to seize this occasion to reaffirm that the policy of the Axis is a policy inspired by peace and collaboration.

"Italy and Germany have given many proofs of this. It is time for silence among the disseminators of panic and forecasters of catastrophe and those who are professional fatalists.

"Such persons often cover their fears, their insane hatred and their more or less unconfessable interests with a large flag. At any rate, we will not let ourselves be impressed by press campaigns, convivial gossip or by Messiah-like messages."—United Press.

London Welcomes Speech

London, Apr. 20.

Political circles here welcomed the speech made in Rome by Il Duce today, pointing out the great difference in tone between the address and the recent speeches made by him.

These quarters state that if he did not give any definite indication regarding the final Italo-German reply to President Roosevelt's message, he reasserted Italy's desire and willingness to work for peace and co-operation.—Havas.

German-Rumanian Talks Ended

M. Gafencu Believed To Have Given Reich Special Assurances

Berlin, Apr. 20.

Rumania has defied German demands that the Bucharest Government divorce itself from the Anglo-French anti-aggression front and join the Rome-Berlin axis, it was understood here today.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gregor Gafencu, was reported to have informed the German Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, that Rumania is determined to maintain an absolutely neutral position.

M. Gafencu conferred twice with Chancellor Adolf Hitler and once with Herr von Ribbentrop yesterday. He was understood to have agreed to continue economic discussions with Germany and foster trade relations.—United Press.

German Interpretation

Berlin, Apr. 19.

Although no official information has been released regarding the conversations taking place here between M. Grigor Gafencu, Rumanian Foreign Minister, and the Reich Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, well-informed quarters assert that M. Gafencu has given an assurance that Rumania will not participate in the attempted encirclement of Germany. The Rumanian statesman is also credited with having promised that his country will not transform the British guarantee into a mutual assistance pact, or the Polish-Rumanian defensive agreement—which is directed against aggression by the Soviet Union—into a general alliance between those two countries.

M. Gafencu is believed to have given yet another undertaking, pledging Rumania to do all within her power to render fully effective her economic pact with Germany.

Following his second conversation with Herr von Ribbentrop this afternoon, M. Gafencu was received by Field-Marshal Hermann Goering. A discussion lasting one hour ensued regarding economic questions arising from the Reich-Rumanian economic agreement.—Trans-Ocean.

Chungking Supports U.S. President's Appeal

Japanese Aggression Has Widespread Effects

Chungking, Apr. 20.

Whole-hearted approval of President Roosevelt's peace proposals to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini was expressed in a statement issued here this afternoon by Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance.

"Once more," he declared, "President Roosevelt has exerted his far-sighted statesmanship on behalf of peace. His whole-hearted, energetic efforts for peace, in accordance with the high ideals of the American people, deserve the thankful admiration of all peace-loving nations."

Referring to the "Japanese aggression in China," Dr. Kung stated:

"Its repercussions have ramified into all parts of the world and much injury has been done to the rights and interests of those Powers which have close relations with China and the Far East."

In conclusion, he expressed the hope that President Roosevelt's "noble appeal will meet with success so that a firm foundation will be laid for universal peace."—Reuter.

Belgian Warcraft Force German Plane Down

Transport Refused to Obey Instructions

Brussels, Apr. 20.

Two Belgian warplanes today forced down a German passenger plane en route to Cologne from Paris because the transport aircraft flew low over a prohibited area.

The German plane refused to obey instructions, which were sent by radio, to descend at Evere, near Brussels. Belgian military planes immediately took to the air and cut off the passenger plane's escape and forced it to descend.

The pilot of the German transport plane was interrogated and searched. Eleven German passengers were allowed to continue to Germany. The only French passenger aboard the plane, however, decided to remain in Brussels rather than continue on the plane to Germany.—United Press.

British Constable Shot Dead in Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Apr. 20.

A British constable was shot dead in the Old City today. A 24-hour curfew was immediately imposed in the Arab quarter.—Reuter.

Madrid Parade Again Postponed

Rome, Apr. 20.

The Victory Parade in Madrid has been postponed until May 30, the press here reported from Burgos today. This is the second postponement. The parade was first to take place on May 2 but was delayed until May 15.—Havas.

Rallying Point for All Men of Goodwill

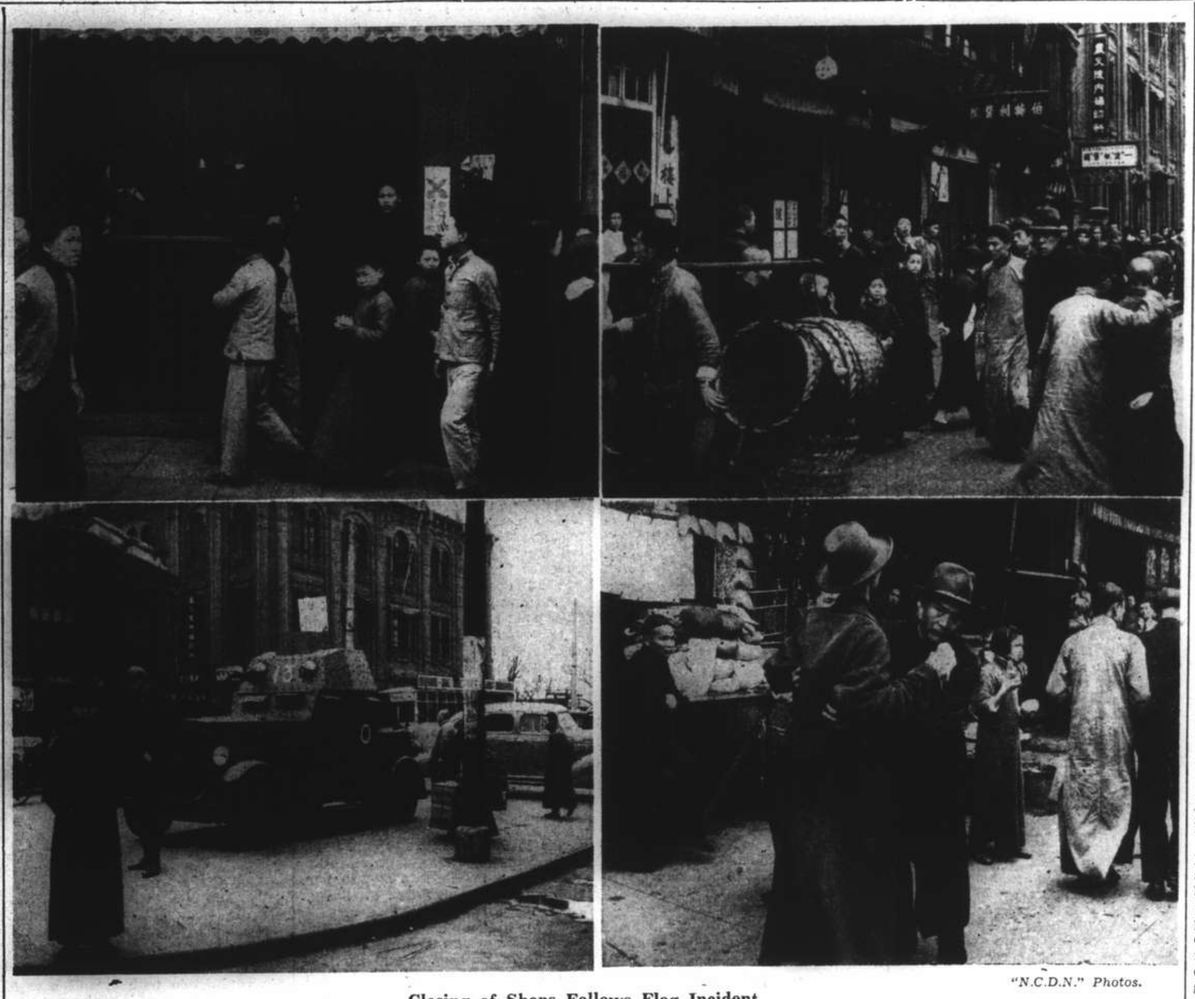
M. Bonnet Comments on U.S. President's Message

Paris, Apr. 20.

"Without pretending to settle at one stroke international disputes, the causes of which are so complex, President Roosevelt's message to the dictators has made of non-violence an immediate rallying point of all men of goodwill," declared M. Georges Bonnet, Foreign Minister, in an address today before the American Club here.

"President Roosevelt has asked," he continued, "that all Governments should solemnly undertake to renounce for a given period that particularly atrocious form of violence—attacks on the frontier by the army.

"All Governments could agree to this proposal without diminishing their authority and prestige by one inch. If President Roosevelt's voice is heard, the immediate anguish which men have felt will disappear."—Reuter.



"N.C.D.N." Photos.

Closing of Shops Follows Flag Incident

Nearly all shops were closed along the Concession's main streets on Wednesday afternoon and yesterday morning, in protest against the French Police order requesting the lowering of Chinese flags which had been hoisted on the occasion of the institution of "spiritual mobilization of the people." To left: One of the hundreds of shops with boarded up show-windows. Top right: Crowds curiously standing at street corners, watching police search parties. Bottom left: An armoured car stationed at the corner of Boulevard de Montigny and Rue du Consulat. Bottom right: A Chinese detective searching a pedestrian. The shops were open late yesterday afternoon following an amicable settlement of the incident.

S.M.P. Japanese Branch Abolished

All Constables to Be Promoted Probationary Sergeants; Pay Rise

The Japanese Branch of the Shanghai Municipal Police will cease to exist as such, according to information gathered yesterday, and will be known as Section II as from May 1. The rank of Japanese constable will also be abolished and all constables will be made probationary sergeants with an initial pay of $170 per month as against $228 which constitutes the initial salary of a foreign probationary sergeant.

Japanese members of the force from the rank of sergeant and up, will be permitted to sit for promotion examinations and after passing the same, may be promoted and incorporated into Section I of the force, at the same wage-scale as foreign officers. Their promotions will be subject to the recommendation of the Commissioner of Police after they have shown their abilities to undertaking the same responsibilities as men in Section I.

British Army Exercises Set for September

Conditions Will Approach That of Real Warfare

London, Apr. 19.

This year, the British army manœuvres, which will be held from about September 15 to 23, will include a strategic road and rail move of the 1st Corps from Aldershot to Yorkshire, and their purpose will be to practise on a large scale the functioning of a modern army corps under conditions approaching as nearly as possible those of real warfare. The Royal Air Force will co-operate.

In order that conditions be as realistic as possible, allied forces as well as an enemy will be represented.

Railway companies are co-operating and special troop trains, as well as special trains carrying petrol, ammunition and food, will be run. Strong air forces co-operating with the enemy, will attack the strategic move from Aldershot to Yorkshire.

Many distinguished visitors, including military representatives of the Dominions and foreign nations, will be invited to watch the manœuvres.—Wireless through Reuter.

Lord Halifax Repudiates "Encirclement" Charge

British Foreign Secretary Avows "No Such Idea Would Ever Find Place in British Policy"

London, Apr. 19.

EMPHATIC repudiation of allegations that British political moves at the present time were connected with any aggressive designs was made by Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, in a speech in the House of Lords today, in which he defined several different aspects of British policy. "It is fantastic," the Foreign Secretary declared, "to suggest that the consultations in which the British Government has been engaged, and the guarantees which they have given against aggression, have any aggressive design. The cry of 'encirclement' whereby, I suppose, it is intended to suggest that the purpose of the British Government is to throttle the legitimate aspirations of other peoples, or engage in a preventive war, has been raised for obvious purposes.

"If my voice could reach so far, I would be prepared on the authority of the Government to give the most solemn undertaking that no such idea would ever find a place in British policy. Not only would it be extreme folly, but it would be contrary to the whole trend of British thought, which rests essentially on the desire to live and let live in the world. If war ever came to the world, it would, so far as the people of this country are concerned, only be because they would feel that there was no other way of defending causes and values which to them are more important than life itself."

Referring to the secession of three of the most powerful nations in the world from the League of Nations, the Foreign Secretary said that the dissatisfied countries had come to reject the principles whereby international security was intended to be governed. To a constant conflict of national interests had been added a far more dangerous conflict in ideas.

"We do not," he declared, "mean the same thing when we use the same words.

"Ideas of justice, the respect of treaties and the value of pledges are differently interpreted in the interests of national ambition, and claims are held to be identical with rights."

Troop Moves in Spain

Turning to rumours of troop movements in Spain, Lord Halifax pointed out that the movement of a number of troops was legitimately and naturally accounted for by the fact that the Spanish Army was now demobilizing, and so there was a need for such a movement.

Lord Halifax next dealt with rumours regarding Italian troops in Spain, such as reports of the arrival of large bodies of Italians at Cadiz early in April, that they had proceeded to the Pyrenees and to the Portuguese frontier, or that they threatened Gibraltar; and that Germans were constructing fortifications on the Pyrenees frontier.

He said that he had made careful enquiries, and that the Government was perpetually watching the situation. Their information did not at present suggest that too much credence ought to be paid to these reports.

After expressing sympathy with, and goodwill towards the Spanish Government "in their immense task of reconstruction," Lord Halifax defined the principal aims of British foreign policy as the maintenance of real peace in the world, and the protection of the property and legitimate interests of British subjects abroad.

Peaceful Collaboration

The efforts which the British Government were making to resist any further aggression, he went on, involved no further departure from the principles of policy which he had laid down. On the contrary, they hoped that such a policy would reaffirm those principles, and bring about a return from aggression to friendly discussion and negotiation.

The Government was anxious to work in company with all peace-loving countries, and was determined to maintain the independence of sovereign states.

Regarding the Anglo-Soviet negotiations in Moscow, the Foreign Secretary said that he did not think there was anything he could say at the present time, beyond mentioning that they were engaged in the active pursuit of those negotiations, and that he had every hope that the recognition of different points of view would enable them to make that progress they all desired.

U.S. President's Initiative

Speaking of President Roosevelt's message, Lord Halifax said that it had already been made clear that the British Government found themselves in essential agreement with the President's outlook on international relationships, which he had expressed with "great clarity of language, and with the immense authority at his command."

He had no doubt that millions of people in all countries would trust that the President's initiative might have a successful outcome.

Regarding the President's suggestion about considering the economic side of the situation, the British Government were prepared to play their part in the matter.

A suggestion was made by Lord Strabolgi that there might be an act of war against British shipping.

Lord Halifax, in reply, assured Lord Strabolgi that the subject had engaged the full attention of the Government, "who have not been

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Canadian Warships Seek Mystery Submarine

Halifax, N.S., Apr. 20.

The crews of the Canadian destroyers Saquenay and Skeena, it was understood, today reported for duty apparently in connection with the alleged activity of mysterious submarine off Lockport, Liverpool and Halifax during the past few days.

Additional reports were received today at Halifax of a mysterious submarine having been sighted off the Nova Scotia coast. Reports from Cape Breton told of fishermen who saw the craft on Monday on the south-west coast of the island, about 250 miles north-east of Lockport, where fishermen said they saw the vessel last Saturday.—United Press.

S.M.C. Said to Be Anti-Japanese

Daily Comment on Flying Of National Flags in Settlement Areas

Charges that the raising of Kuomintang flags in the International Settlement in contrast to their forced removal in the French Concession on Wednesday, the second day of the Kuomintang Spiritual Mobilization, was "obviously intended to fan the anti-Japanese war spirit," were made by the "Tairiku Shimpo," local Japanese daily, yesterday.

"Undeniable proof" that anti-Japanese elements had been making a round of Chinese shops and households in the Settlement compelling them to hoist Nationalist flags had been secured, the newspaper alleged.

While some flags were in evidence in the French Concession on Wednesday morning, they were removed after warnings by the French Municipal Police, the journal said. In the Settlement, however, Shanghai Municipal Police authorities permitted the flags to remain "in spite of the fact that underground activities of anti-Japanese elements, which are being continued under cover of the Spiritual Mobilization Week should never be tolerated," the Japanese daily commented.

The S.M.C. was further charged with being "insincere" in ignoring the "warnings" made by the Japanese and Greater Shanghai Municipality authorities. "This attitude proves that the Settlement has discarded its neutrality," the "Tairiku Shimpo" declared.

Peace Projects Not Entertained

British Ambassador Now In Chungking

Chungking, Apr. 20.

China's determination to continue a war of resistance to the end will doubtless be observed by Sir Archibald Kerr, says the "Ta Kung Pao," in a editorial commenting on the British Ambassador's arrival in Chungking. This determination of the Chinese Army and people, it continues, was clearly stated by General Chiang Kai-shek in a press interview on April 18.

Her anti-British policy and determination to conquer China, the editorial says, makes Japan the common enemy of China and Great Britain. The article concludes by expressing the hope that the Ambassador will further the close co-operation between the Chinese and British Governments.

Upon his arrival in Chungking yesterday afternoon, Sir Archibald Kerr was handed a copy of the "Hankow Herald," the local English-language daily, which had given prominence to the interview granted by General Chiang Kai-shek to pressmen on April 18, when he had declared that peace was impossible under the existing circumstances."—Reuter.

Rush for Invitation to Meet King And Queen Begins in Washington

Society Ladies Call in Hundreds on British Embassy; Guests Must Necessarily Be Limited

Washington, D.C., Apr. 19.

Although the King and Queen are not due in the American capital until June 8, the British Ambassador and Lady Lindsay are already being kept busy answering the calls of the many hundreds of people who are paying their respects at the Embassy in advance of the Royal visit. In normal times, the Embassy here receives several thousand calls a year, all of which are punctiliously returned, but today the number of callers is believed to reach record proportions.

Not only the wives of Senators, Representatives and government officials are calling, but also large numbers of Society women who hope to have an opportunity of meeting their Majesties. The great majority of these society people will be disappointed as it would be quite impossible to arrange for Their Majesties to meet all the people who want to meet them.

Diplomatic and official persons receive first consideration on an occasion such as this, and there is every indication that it will be a well-nigh impossible task to select a representative guest list even from among these circles. Residents of Washington will receive first consideration during their Majesties' visit. The Cabinet, the Supreme Court, the Congress and the Diplomatic Corps are assured of first place; and, if it is found possible to include any others, the choice will doubtless be made from among the personal friends of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and of the British Ambassador and Lady Lindsay.

In any event, the numbers must necessarily be very limited. The State dining-room at the White House seats between 90 and 100 persons for dinner. After entertaining Their Majesties there, the President and Mrs. Roosevelt may invite one or two hundred others to a reception in the Lincoln Room after dinner, but the White House will not accommodate a gathering of more than three or four hundred without discomfort.

If their Majesties are entertained at a garden party at the British Embassy, between one and two thousand guests might be accommodated in the spacious Embassy gardens, but the Ambassador found it necessary to give two garden parties in celebration of Their Majesties' Coronation in order not to disappoint the many who were entitled to invitations. It is undoubtedly the hope of being invited to a Royal garden party that prompts so many to call at the Embassy just now.—Reuter.

British Gun Factory Plans Sold to German Agents

Trial of Lancashire Bricklayer Opens on Espionage Charges; Defence Reserved

London, Apr. 19.

THE second espionage case to be brought to light in Great Britain this year was revealed today when a thirty-year-old bricklayer, James Kelly, was committed for trial at Chorley, Lancashire, in connection with the disappearance of confidential plans from a Royal Ordnance Factory. German Secret Service agents are alleged to have purchased the plans for £30.

Counsel for the prosecution stated that Kelly had communicated with German agents following an interview with the German Consul at Liverpool. It is alleged that, as a result of correspondence, it was arranged that Kelly should proceed to Germany, and his fare was sent by post.

Kelly is said to have broken into the factory, and taken two plans, applying on the following day for a passport, which was subsequently issued, with a German visa. One of the witnesses described the man with whom Kelly had corresponded in Germany as a German Secret Service agent.

Agent Met in Germany

Kelly, it was stated in court, crossed into Germany on March 17, meeting the German agent, who passed him through the frontier.

The two then went to Cologne, where Kelly received his instructions, and was alleged to have been paid £30. A woman with whom Kelly was to correspond was also mentioned in court. The name and address of this woman, written on a piece of paper, were found upon Kelly when he was arrested.

Kelly returned to Manchester on March 30, according to the evidence, and on the same day he was stopped by police officers, and taken to the police station. On arrival at the police office it was stated, Kelly spat out a piece of paper on to the pavement. On that piece of paper, according to the evidence, was the code given to Kelly in Germany.

Defence Reserved

Kelly was committed for trial today under the Official Secrets Act, and evidence in today's hearing was taken down in camera, the public being excluded from the court. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and reserved his defence. He was refused bail.

The first espionage case this year was made public on January 31, when it was reported that investigations were being carried on by a high officer of the Royal Air Force into the disappearance of highly confidential information from the R.A.F. station at Hendon.

The document formed part of a file left for a few moments in a private office. When it was found to be missing, the Air Ministry was informed, and special investigators were sent to the aerodrome.—Reuter.

Germans in S.W. Africa Trained Soldiers

Remainder of Population Has No Military Training

Capetown, Apr. 19.

Hundreds of Germans were being sent annually from South-West Africa to Germany, and were returning as fully-trained soldiers, declared General J. C. Smuts, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice, replying to questions during a debate in the House of Assembly today. The remainder of the population of South-West Africa, he declared, had no military training whatever.

The Bill, incorporating the South-West Africa, he declared, had no military training whatever.

The Bill, incorporating the South-West African Police with the South African Police, which was the subject of today's debate, was passed in the first reading. The second reading will take place tomorrow.

Gen. Smuts subsequently revealed that the information which led him to reinforce the South-West African Police was received on April 15 from sources outside South-West Africa.—Reuter.

Serious Polish-German Incident Reported

Berlin, Apr. 20.

The official D.N.B. news agency published a report from the "Danziger Vorposten" regarding a serious incident which occurred at Graudenz (Grudziazo) yesterday.

"A gang of Polish hooligans last night attacked a farm at Ombrowken, in the Graudenz district, throwing huge stones against the walls of the farm and completely destroying the furniture," the paper stated. "The Poles then threatened to seize the farm, but the German owner, Herr Foerster, warned them that he would open fire. The Poles would not listen, and Herr Foerster, acting in legitimate defence, killed one and wounded seven. The entire Foerster family, including the servants, was then arrested. No one knows where Herr Foerster was taken."—Havas.

Troopship Held Up at Gibraltar

London, Apr. 19.

The troopship Somersetshire which is on its way to Palestine, with the First Battalion, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and the Welch Regiment, is being held up at Gibraltar, pending the arrival there of the Welsh Guards. The Welsh Guards are leaving for a period of duty on the Rock on or after April 22.—Reuter.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8¼d. U.S$ 16 1/16c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Apr. 20.

"Spot" silver remained unchanged in London today, while "forward" moved slightly upwards, with quotations being:

	Apr. 19	Apr. 20
London spot	20 7/16d.	20 7/16d.
" forward	19¾d.	19 13/16d.
" gold	148/6½d.	148/6½d.

London/New York:

One pound	U.S.$4.6801	$4.6801
One U.S. dollar	51.283d.	51.283d.

—Reuter

Full Mobilization Urged for Japan

War Minister Wants Complete Invocation Of Special Powers

Tokyo, Apr. 19.

The Japanese Army is pressing for full invocation of all provisions of the National Mobilization Act and extension of the authority of the Premier in dealing with national mobilization.

Seriously concerned about the regulation of commodity prices, the War Office wants to attain the object of regulating prices increasing production, and facilitating the mobilization of commodities by means of invocation of the general provisions of the national mobilization law.

Preparations are now being made for invoking Articles 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, and 19.

The Minister of War, Lt.-Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, has announced the immediate need for the step, emphasizing the necessity of enlarging the authority of the Premier in dealing with national mobilization.

The Bill for General Mobilization of the Nation was forced through the Diet in February, 1938, after considerable opposition. It was considered by many political leaders to give the Government unduly wide authority to act under Imperial Ordinances without consulting the Diet and, therefore, to be contrary to the Constitution and to transgress the prerogatives of the Privy Council. It was understood that the powers granted to the Cabinet by the Bill would not be utilized during the the "China Incident," but the Konoye Cabinet gave no definite promise to that effect.

Actually various Articles have since been promulgated in whole or in part; namely, Articles 6, 10, 11, 13, 16, 21, 22, 24, 25, 29 and 50, the Government arguing the vital necessity of expanding Japan's productive power in the munitions and other essential industries, the promotion of foreign trade, and the establishment of an economic system centred on national defence.

Present Extent of Powers

Article 6 enforced Government control of labour and wages; Article 10 mobilized materials and goods; Article 11 enforced Government control of capital; Article 13 governed factories; Article 16 restricted or prohibited expansion of new enterprises except under licence; Article 21 governed a census of vocational ability; Article 22 granted the Government powers to control the training of technicians. Article 24 enabled the Government to establish programmes for general mobilization enterprises; Article 25 controlled experiments and research-work; Article 29 gave the Government full powers in connection with compensation cases, and Article 50 set up a National General Mobilization Inquiry Commission.

If Article 4 is invoked, the Government will be empowered to draft Japanese nationals into whatever enterprises it deems necessary. Article 8 controls the production and distribution of materials needed for national mobilization, as well as their disposal, use, consumption and possession, while Article 9 empowers the Government to restrict or prohibit imports and exports, and to impose, increase or decrease export and or import tariffs.

Article 19 empowers the Government to control prices, transportation charges, storage and insurance rates, and working costs.—Reuter.

U.S. Battle Fleet Leaves for Pacific

Commander-in-Chief Calls Special Conference

Norfolk, Va., Apr. 20.

Led by powerful battleships in line formation, the United States Battle Fleet left Hampton Roads for the Panama Canal and the Pacific Coast at 6.35 a.m. today.

The Fleet departed for Pacific waters after the arrival here yesterday of the Commander-in-Chief of the Battle Fleet, Admiral Claude Charles Bloch, who held a special and strictly private conference with his staff and commanders of the main units.—United Press.

C.N.A.C. Plane on Way To Rangoon

Chungking, Apr. 20.

A Chinese National Aviation Corporation aeroplane hopped off at 5 this morning on a survey flight to Rangoon, following the completion of extensions to the Lashio and Mandalay air-fields.

If this survey flight proves successful, it will be followed by the immediate inauguration of direct air-mail and passengers services between Chungking and London, via Rangoon.—Reuter.

Truck Strikes Mine Near Rehogoth

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Jerusalem, Apr. 20.

A Jewish policeman was killed and five others injured today when a lorry in which they were travelling struck a land mine near Rehogoth, east of Jerusalem.—Reuter.

Berlin Begins Celebration Of Fuehrer's Birthday

Press Lauds Achievements of Herr Hitler; Tremendous Military Parade in Berlin

Berlin, Apr. 20.

CHANCELLOR Adolf Hitler began the celebration of his 50th birthday anniversary today by receiving the congratulations of the families of the various Reich ministers. At 9 a.m. he drove from the new Chancellery to the Wilhelmstrasse, which was lined by cheering crowds, to review a parade of his personal bodyguard and detachments of the Berlin police. Shortly after 9.30 a.m. he returned to the Chancellery to receive foreign delegations, members of the diplomatic corps and of the German Government. In accordance with tradition, the first caller was the Apostolic Nuncio, doyen of the diplomatic corps. Following him were Baron Konstantin von Neurath, Reich Protector of Bohemia and Moravia, and the Czech President, Dr. Emil Hacha. Then came Dr. Joseph Tiso, Slovakian President, to tender the congratulations of the Slovak people. Members of the Reich government arrived shortly before 10 a.m. At 10 o'clock came the army chiefs, led by Field-Marshal Hermann Goering.

The most prominent item of the celebrations was the greatest parade ever held in Germany which began shortly past 11 o'clock. From the square in front of the old imperial palace along the Linden and down the new east-west thoroughfare, tens of thousands of troops of all arms had been massed in parade formation.

After inspecting the front of a flag battalion which included the flags of all German regiments, Herr Hitler entered a car and, standing upright, was driven along the front of the troops. He was accompanied by the chiefs in command of Army, Navy and Air Force.

At 11.20 o'clock, the Fuehrer reached the tribunes which had been erected in front of the Berlin Technical School where numerous foreign guests were presented to him. Then the parade began with a flight past of the air force. At the same time, the troops had formed into columns and began the march past headed by the flag battalion.

Birthday Honours Conferred

Birthday honours were conferred today on numerous German diplomatic, government, military and party officials as well as upon prominent artists, scientists and actors.

The former German Consul-General in Shanghai, Lt.-Col. Kriebel, has been made Ministerial Director; Herr E. von Randow, Vice-Consul in Shanghai, has been promoted to Consul and the Consul in Chungking, Herr Scheffler, has been given the rank of Consul of First Class.

The chief of protocol in the German Foreign Office, Freiherr von Doernberg, and former Consul General in San Francisco, Herr von Killinger, have been awarded the title of Minister of First Class.

The title of professor was conferred on the German film director, Herr Karl Ritter, and the highest rank in the German theatrical world, namely "state actor," has been granted to Karl Ludwig Diehl, Johannes Riemann and Heinz Ruehmann while the title of "state actress" was conferred on Paula Wessely and Angela Salloker.

Danzig Honours Fuehrer

Chancellor Hitler was made an honorary citizen of the Free City of Danzig today, when an ornamented scroll signifying his induction was handed to him by the National Socialist leader of Danzig, Herr Albert Forster, at a ceremony held in the presence of a representative of the Danzig Government.

The scroll reads: "Adolf Hitler, Fuehrer of the German people, has been awarded all the rights of honorary citizenship by the Senate of the Free City of Danzig in eternal gratitude for his work in bringing about the moral and political regeneration of the German people, and as a sign of the racial relationship between Danzig and the German nation."

In presenting the scroll to Herr Hitler, Herr Forster concluded by declaring, "Permit me, my Fuehrer, to present this scroll in the name of the citizens of Danzig with a renewed pledge that we will accord you and the great German Reich unswering loyalty and unconditional obedience."

The Reich capital this morning cast off its preoccupation with world affairs to embark on a day of enjoyment in the celebrations. Astir at dawn, the city presented an animated scene. All the newspapers appeared in special editions with illustrated supplements devoted to the Fuehrer and his labours, emphasis being placed on his series of successes which began with the return of the Saar to Germany, the latest addition to the list being the reincorporation of Memel into the Reich.

"The Reich is now solidly established," Field-Marshal Hermann Goering writes in an article especially contributed to the "Voelkischer Beobachter," organ of the National Socialist Party. The article stresses Chancellor Hitler's unconquerable will and his resolute determination to elevate Germany from the depths of despair and disgrace to a position of eminence. "Adolf Hitler is the greatest German of all times."

The papers compare in great detail the conditions in Germany prior and subsequent to the era of Hitler, pointing especially to his many achievements in the field of employment and construction. They also print long lists of promotions in the army, police force, government, labour service and foreign office, as well as the names of outstanding personages in the fields of art and science who have been honoured.—Trans-Ocean.

King George Sends Message

London, Apr. 20.

King George VI dispatched a telegram last night to Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany congratulating the Fuehrer on his 50th birthday, the King's private secretary, Sir Eric Mieville, told the United Press this morning.—United Press.

23 Nations Represented

Berlin, Apr. 20.

Official guests, representing at least 23 countries, were present at the celebrations of Herr Hitler's 50th birthday today. Great Britain and France did not send official delegations, but two Britons, Major General Fuller and Lord Brocket, were private guests of the Fuehrer.

"The Reich stands in the shadow of a German sword," declared Dr. Joseph Goebbels, the Minister of Propaganda, broadcasting a tribute this evening to Herr Hitler on the eve of the German leader's birthday. Dr. Goebbels described Herr Hitler as the "man who brought peace to Europe."—Reuter.

Message from Japanese Emperor

Tokyo, Apr. 20.

Felicitations on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday were cabled to Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler by the Emperor today.

Maj.-Gen. Eugen Ott, the German Ambassador, was host at a luncheon, celebrating the occasion, attended by Prince Ayamaro Konoye, president of the Privy Council; Mr. Hachiro Arita, Foreign Minister; Viscount Kintomo Mushakoji, director of the Bureau of Peerage and Heraldry and a former Ambassador to Germany, as well as high military and naval officers and diplomatic officials.—Domei.

China May Join in Peace Coalition

Commons Statement Rouses Interest in Latent Possibilities

London, Apr. 20.

The reply made by the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, to Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Labour leader, in the House of Commons yesterday stating that the Government will bear in mind the desirability of including China and other Far Eastern countries in any combination of Governments for resisting aggression has excited considerable interest in political circles here.

Reuter understands that Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador in London, has discussed the matter on preliminary lines both with Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, and with Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, before Mr. Arthur Henderson put his question, and that their attitude was sympathetic.

It is understood that other members of the House had intended to raise the question if Mr. Henderson had not done so.

It appears to be generally believed that the inclusion of China among anti-aggression States will form the third stage, after negotiations for the inclusion of Russia are completed.

Future Must Be Considered

Mr. Quo Tai-chi told Reuter: "Some may think that the inclusion of China will be a case of locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen, but we Chinese have a proverb—it is well to mend the stables even after the sheep are stolen."

"It is the future which we must consider," he added.

Certainly the Far East and Europe cannot be treated as water-tight compartments, writes he "Yorkshire Post."

The existence of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo triangle, the journal adds, is a reminder of that; so was President Roosevelt's decision to concentrate the American Fleet in the Pacific on the same day that he sent the peace appeal to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi will speak at a luncheon to be given by the Manchester Reform Club tomorrow. He will also make a speech at Derby in the same evening and will speak at Bolton on April 22.—Reuter.

Anglo-Turkish Talks

Istanbul, Apr. 20.

The Anglo-Turkish anti-aggression negotiations have been successfully concluded, it was unofficially announced here today.—United Press.

Arms Pact with Soviets

Paris, Apr. 20.

Great Britain and France have informed Soviet Russia of their willingness to conclude a three-Power military aid accord, it was understood today.—United Press.

THE CINEMA

"Ambush"

Jane Hartman .....Gladys Swarthout
Tony Andrews .....Lloyd Nolan
Charlie Hartman .....William Henry
Inspector Weber .....William Frawley
Mr. Gibbs .....Ernest Truex
Randall .....Broderick Crawford
Sheriff .....Rufe Davis
Store Keeper .....Raymond Hatton
Sidney .....Hartley Tufts
Captain Gonzales .....Antonio Moreno
Captain Bosen .....Harry Fleischmann

Full of quick-trigger pulling action on the part of bank-robbers and the detectives in their pursuit, "Ambush," the Nanking Theatre's latest attraction, is well recommended for those cinema-goers who enjoy in large doses the thrills that the inevitable clashes between upholders of the law and gangsters invariably bring. The film is another of Hollywood's many efforts to prove to the American public that crime does not pay and is undoubtedly a success and since it has an angle not previously exploited, will certainly appeal to enthusiasts who are not too critical in their outlook on the movements—some of them downright stupid—of both pursued and pursuers. Mr. Nolan, as is customary with this versatile artist, performes an excellent job of work, while Miss Swarthout does little more than simper charmingly and look pretty. Mr. Truex, as the imperturbable, bowler-hatted, umbrella-carrying gangster-chief, takes the leading honours with a well-nigh perfect display of histrionics and though this veteran trouper has not been seen often of late, he is well remembered for his exceedingly fine efforts on the musical comedy stage a few years ago. Fine photography and a well-laid background all help in making this picture well worth-while.

Four good shorts including Franz Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," complete the programme.—J.A.K.

Concession Shops Open Once More

Wednesday's Flag Incident Settled; No More Trouble

The French Concession's main streets regained their normal aspect once more late yesterday afternoon, after having been closed since Wednesday noon. Police patrols and armoured cars as well as patrol cars with mounted Thompson guns, continued to be seen in the streets however, whilst large white posters in Chinese informed the public that national flags will only be tolerated on the National holiday. The 40 odd persons arrested on Wednesday, have also been released with the exception of two or three ringleaders, according to a French police communique issued late yesterday afternoon.

The series of incidents, it will be recalled, occurred when French police demanded of a number of Chinese business houses and banks, that they lower the national flags which they had hoisted on the occasion of the commencement of the spiritual mobilization decreed by the Chungking Government. Blows were exchanged in a number of instances, when the shop-keepers, and in one instance a bank-employee, refused to comply with the police order. At least one French police officer was reported injured and had been taken to the St. Marie hospital for treatment of a slight wound on the forehead.

Many Shops Closed

Early yesterday afternoon, the vast majority of shops on Rue du Consulat and Avenue Joffre, had their display-windows boarded up and thus gave the impression of street-scenes ordinarily only witnessed during the Chinese New Year holidays, had it not been for the doors which remained open for the convenience of customers.

Plain-clothes police search parties were busy in most thoroughfares, searching pedestrians, whilst steel-helmeted policemen and light armoured cars were stationed at various strategic corners.

No further incidents occurred yesterday and it was understood that the whole matter had been amiably settled, after three representatives of the irate shop-keepers called on the Chief of Police and demanded that the arrested persons be released. This was done early in the afternoon and shortly afterwards, the shops opened little by little. The Crystal Palace Theatre, however, remained closed yesterday and will probably open on Saturday only, after three of its employees had been arrested by the police for alleged insubordination.

According to information available yesterday, the management of the theatre complied with the police order and lowered the Chinese flag on Wednesday morning. Shortly afterwards some "patriots" communicated with the theatre by telephone and ordered the flag to be raised once more under threats of "punishment." The management complied and soon afterwards found French police constables in the building, arresting three of four employees who had tried to resist. Reports current yesterday, to the effect that the establishment's licence had been withdrawn following the incident, were denied by the management which stated that performances would commence on Saturday afternoon.

Back Door Business

Most of the Chinese shops on Avenue Dubail and other cross-roads of Avenue Joffre, West of Avenue Dubail, remained open throughout the day and nothing abnormal was noticed, except for stronger police patrols in the streets.

Only few shops on the main streets were completely closed, most of them being jewellers which, no doubt, feared possible disturbances and consequently kept their wares in safes, not wishing to run undue risks of pilferage. Pharmacies and native medicine shops as well as fruit and vegetable shops also remained open throughout the day, whilst the "closed" shops did their business as usual, the boarded display-windows merely indicating their indignation.

Yesterday afternoon, posters in Chinese were to be found in the various streets, in which the French police advised the Chinese populace that political manifestations of whatsoever nature would be prohibited and that agitators will be expelled. National flags, the communique further stated, may only be hoisted on the Chinese national holiday.

The French constable who had been taken to the St. Marie Hospital on Wednesday after being slightly injured on the forehead during a brawl, was understood to have left the hospital. The report that a number of Chinese and Tonkinese constables had been injured could not be confirmed yesterday and was denied by police officials.

No further trouble was anticipated by Concession authorities who attached no importance to Wednesday's incidents.

War Not Yet Ended, Says Gen. Franco

Burgos, Apr. 20.

The declaration that "the war has not yet ended" made by General Franco in Malaga yesterday was given considerable prominence in the press here this morning.

"We did not fight against Spaniards, we fought against the world and the world is now suffering from our unity and our greatness," the General had stated. "This pain compels us to live in a state of watchfulness. The war has not yet ended."—Havas.

Britain Will Retain Capital Punishment

London, Apr. 20.

The Permanent Committee of the House of Commons today rejected, by a vote of sixteen to seven, a proposal for the abolition of capital punishment for a period of five years. The proposal was submitted by a Labour Member, Mr. George Benson. The Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, had opposed the suggestion.—Havas.

Russell Gleason, the bewildered young husband of Bonnie Jones, in the Jones Family series, has 2,000 penguins. It seems that the Gleason collection is the second largest in the world. The largest is the Vanderbilt collection of 10,000 penguins.

Sir Nevile Henderson

Sir Nevile Henderson, British Ambassador to Germany, will return to his post in Berlin as soon as his leave expires, Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, has informed the House of Lords.

Lord Halifax Repudiates "Encirclement" Charge

(Continued from page 7)

unmindful of their obligations in this regard." The Foreign Secretary stated that he could not say more at the present time.

Replying to a question by Lord Strabolgi, whether any agreement had been reached with other countries to be registered with the League, Lord Halifax said he had no doubt that it would be the purpose of the Government to take whatever action was incumbent upon them under Article 18 of the Covenant. This, however he added, would depend in some degree upon the form of agreement reached.—Reuter.

Statement in Commons

London, Apr. 19.

When asked in the House of Commons today by Mr. Geoffrey Mander, Opposition Liberal member for East Wolverhampton, if, in connexion with the mutual aid arrangements with other countries, it was proposed that obligations should be reciprocal and that the arrangements should be open to the adherence of all countries, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, replied: "As I informed Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Opposition leader, yesterday, His Majesty's Government is still in consultation with other interested Governments, and I am not yet in a position to add anything to my recent statements."

In a supplementary question, Mr. Mander suggested that, if it were made clear that the arrangements were open to all countries willing to give guarantees and accept obligations, that would go a long way to discount the German propaganda that these purely defence arrangements constituted an encirclement.

The Prime Minister was understood to have replied that he feared that those who had accepted propagandistic allegations of that kind, would not be convinced of their mistake by the theoretical consideration Mr. Mander had in mind.—Wireless through Reuter.

Bases of Burmese Riots Revealed

Young Monks Causing Unrest; Press Also Responsible

London, Apr. 20.

Increasing political mischief-making by the younger Buddhist priests is exposed in the final report of the Burma Riot Inquiry Committee as a conspicuous cause of "the disturbed political condition in Burma after two years of self-government."

The Committee strongly emphasizes the consequent degeneration of the Sangha, that is, the Buddhist Church, from its former high spiritual and educational influence for good.

Other causes of unrest named in the reports are:—

1. The Burmese press, which actively encouraged disorders by dangerous and intemperate prejudice against Indian trading communities in Burma;
2. The elected representatives of the Legislative Assembly who were "in far too many instances on the side of lawlessness and disorder;"
3. The Thakin Association's "poisonous anti-social creed of domestic and industrial unrest and of individual indiscipline," which was assiduously spread among the people.

The Committee urges that the whole question must be carefully reviewed with a view to ascertaining how far Indian and Burmese racial interests actually conflict, and assuring the Indians that their status as British subjects will be upheld, and the Burmese that their economic growth and interests will not be stifled.

Reasonable restriction of undesirable immigrants is also recommended. The Committee specially dwells on the vital necessity of defining once and for all the relations of Sangha and the State, to allow no doubt that the monks are as much subject to the rule of law as any of His Majesty's subjects.

The Sangha is urged to restore internal discipline, and to enforce rule of its own religious doctrine against monks turned political agitators.—Reuter.

Railway Services Extended

Better Schedules Between Shanghai, Nanking, and Hangchow Arranged

To meet requirements for new facilities brought about by increasing railway traffic between Shanghai, Nanking and Hangchow the Japanese Army Railway Bureau expanded the service between these cities starting yesterday, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported.

Schedules for the Shanghai-Nanking route were announced as follows: Passenger departures from Shanghai at 7.30, 8.30 (express) and 11.10 in the morning; passenger and freight departures at 12.40 p.m.; arrivals in Nanking: 3.46, 2.25 (express), 6.41 in the afternoon, with the passenger and freight train arriving in Changchow at 7.10 p.m., stopping over night and reaching Nanking at 12.05 p.m. the following day; departures from Nanking for Shanghai: 7.45, 9 (express) and 12 noon, with a combination freight and passenger train leaving at 12.55 p.m.; arrivals in Shanghai: 3.58, 3 (express) and 6.29, the passenger and freight train arriving at 12.30 p.m. the following day after a stop over night at Changchow.

On the Shanghai-Hangchow line the schedule is as follows: trains leaving Shanghai at 7.20 a.m. arrive in Hangchow at 12.05 p.m.; leaving at 1.20 p.m. they arrive in Hangchow the following day, stopping overnight at 6.40 p.m. at Kashing; trains leaving Hangchow at 7.25 a.m. arrive in Shanghai at 12.10 p.m.; those leaving at 1.25 p.m. arrive in Shanghai at 6.10 p.m. while trains departing from Hangchow at 3.30 p.m. arrive in Kashing at 6.50 p.m. stop overnight, and arrive at Shanghai at 10.20 a.m. the next day.

On the Soochow-Kashing line trains leave Soochow at 7 a.m. and 1.25 p.m., arriving in Kashing at 9.25 a.m. and 3.35 p.m. Trains to Soochow leave Kashing at 10.10 a.m. and 4.14 p.m. and arrive at 12.20 and 6.40 p.m.

Mr. Burgin Chosen As Supply Chief

Ministry of Supplies Instituted; Commons Informed of Creation

London, Apr. 20.

The creation of a Ministry of Supply, with Mr. Edward Leslie-Burgin, Minister of Transport since 1937, as Minister, was announced in the House of Commons today by the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

The new Ministry, he said, would deal with problems of army supply, and also take over responsibility for the acquisition and maintenance of reserves of essential metals and other raw materials required in connection with the defence programme.

Branches to be transferred from the Ministry of War to the Ministry of Supply, Mr. Chamberlain added, would include those responsible for research, design and experiment.

The production and inspection of Royal ordnance factories, he stated, would be in the hands of a new Minister of Transport.—Reuter.

Shorter Service Term

London, Apr. 20.

The War Office announced today that owing to the improvement in the recruiting programme, the term of service for British troops will be reduced from five to four years.

Furthermore, to allow a greater number of soldiers to fulfil a complete career in the army, all men at present in service will be allowed to re-enlist until they have served 21 years, when they will retire on pension.

The Permanent Committee of the House of Commons today approved a new clause to the Criminal Justice Bill abolishing corporal punishment in the British Navy.—Havas.

Reichswehr Shows New Equipment

Motorization in All Branches Shown

Berlin, Apr. 2.

For three hours and forty minutes the largest parade of the new German Army displaying new categories of troops, heaviest anti-aircraft guns never shown before and heaviest artillery, demonstrated the high degree of perfection of the modern equipment of German infantry.

Sharply at 11.20 o'clock, an entire division of the Force roared over the spectators. The march past of 40,000 started at 11.25 o'clock. An infantry regiment, a marine regiment and an air force regiment defiled before Adolf Hitler and his 110 guests from Europe and Overseas. Then for the first time was seen a detachment of Parachute Regiment No. 1 in green uniforms with parachute belts round the body.

Most impressive in proving the utmost motorization and modernization of the new German Army was the picture of motorized detachments of the Air Force and Army passing at high speed. The heavy vehicles of the Force in rows of four rolled past almost soundlessly.

Motorized Infantry

A large part of the infantry did not march afoot but drove in cars and and trucks. The infantry was armed not only with rifles, light and heavy machine-guns but also with light and heavy grenade-throwers, anti-tank guns, light and heavy infantry guns, the latter being shown for the first time.

The cavalry likewise afforded a new picture, being represented at the parade not only by mounted but also by motorized squadrons. Engineers, railway engineers and strong units of artillery followed. The artillery displayed all calibres up to the heaviest.

The march past of the first armoured car brigade with assault cars of various calibres and equipment followed.

The parade, to ge regarded as a demonstration of Germany's military power before representatives of all nations, was concluded by the impressing marching of flag battalion carrying the colours of all German regiments.

The review was terminated at 3 p.m.—Trans-Ocean.

"Police School" is the title of the next Jane Withers picture. George Ernest, the financial wizard of the Jones Family, has been chosen to play opposite Jane, and if anyone can keep her under control, one would say George was the boy. Arleen Whelan, the titian-tressed, supplies the heart interest along with Robert Kellard.

Ten Injured in Factory Blaze

Three Buildings Are Gutted; Three Damaged In Early Evening Fire

Ten Chinese, two of them women, were injured when a blaze played havoc with a celluloid factory and five other buildings situated behind Lane 470 Great Western Road, shortly after 5.30 p.m. yesterday. Only two of the injured persons were detained in hospital, however, the others being released after having received first-aid treatment.

Spreading rapidly in the easily inflammable material, the blaze completely destroyed two adjoining stocking-factories and only the prompt and efficient intervention on the part of firemen from Bubbling Well station who answered the alarm, prevented the complete destruction of three more adjoining houses which, however, were damaged to a great extent.

The cause of the conflagration is at present being investigated by detectives from Bubbling Well police station. The fire engines were able to leave the scene at 6.30 p.m.

At 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, machines from Yangtszepoo fire station answered an alarm from the Dsag Dying Works at 125 Paoting Road, where the ground floor and part of the first floor stood in flames when the smoke-eaters arrived. Japanese military patrols arrived on the scene soon afterwards and cordoned off the scene of the fire. No one was injured and the machines were able to return to their station at 7.30 p.m. The cause of the fire is unknown.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

H.M.S. Dorsetshire arrived yesterday forenoon, mooring at the British Naval Buoys.

THE subject for the Saturday evening lecture by Dr. P. F. Price over XMHD 760 kc. at 8.30 p.m. is:—"The Powers of the World to come."

FOLLOWING the custom established by his predecessor, Pope Pius XII on Wednesday gave audience to 500 newly-married couples at the Vatican.

IT has been decided to extend the radio news services transmitted in the English language by the Hamburg and Cologne stations. Henceforth there will be three transmissions daily, instead of two as heretofore.

MR. K. S. Ting, formerly a staff member of the S.M.C. Education Office, is holding an exhibition of his paintings in the Sun Sun Store, starting today and continuing till April 30.

MEMBERS of the gardening section of the British Women's Association are reminded of the meeting which takes place today at Jessfield Park at 10 a.m. Mr. Kerr will answer questions on general cultivation.

IN yesterday's report of the annual meeting of ratepayers the statement credited to Mr. W. P. Lambe should read:—"He thought that Mr. Stewart was abusing his privilege in speaking as he was doing," and not as stated.

THE Belgian Ministry of Defence has lifted the ban on furlough in the Belgian Army. The special frontier guard whose members had been called up last week has been notified that its services were no longer immediately required.

THE ss. President Taft will arrive from Manila and Hongkong on April 23 and will moor at buoys 12 and 13. Passengers will arrive at the Customs Jetty at 3.45 p.m. She will sail for San Francisco next day at 11 a.m., and the last tender will leave the Customs Jetty at 9.30 a.m. on that day.

ESTHONIAN losses on the Republican side in the Spanish civil war totalled nineteen, according to an official casualty list published in Reval. Nine are listed as killed and ten as missing. These losses are considered high in view of the relatively small number of Esthonian volunteers in Spain.

CLEARING debris of wrecked sheds after the September hurricane, Henry Harvey of Westerly, R.I., found a map of Rhode Island showing that in 1800 the state was bounded "on the west by the Devil's Belt, on north by Naraganset land, on the east by blue and yellow sand and on the south by blue coze."

THE sudden suspension of construction work on Japanese mills in Tsingtao is now puzzling Chungking Chinese circles, says a Chungking message to the "Wen Wei Pao." At the same time, the report states, repairs that have been undertaken by the Japanese to the Kiaochow-Tsinan Railway tracks, have also been suspended.

IN view of the fact that Kunming has become an important communication centre, the China Branch of the League of Nations has now set up temporary offices there, says a Chinese message to the "Chinese American Daily News." Mr. Liang Chen-sing, Director of the China Branch of the League of Nations, the report adds, has been appointed to take charge of the offices.

NEW regulations governing the sending of Chinese students to study abroad under Chinese Government scholarships, have been announced by the Executive Yuan, says a Chungking Chinese message to the "Shun Pao." During the period of national resistance, the announcement states, apart from those who have already been selected to study abroad, no more new students will be enrolled.

LOCAL Chinese factory owners, merchants and banks were urged to pay their income tax for 1937-1938, to the Chinese Government without further delay, in a circular issued to them by their respective guilds yesterday, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao." The payment of the tax is being urged upon members of the guilds as a voluntary act, in order that the Government's financial resources may be strengthened during the period of national emergency, the report adds.

THE programme for the twenty-fifth Sunday Symphony Concert in the Lyceum Theatre, on Sunday at 5.15 p.m. is as follows:—

Brandenburger Concerto No. 3 ....Bach
for Strings and Cembalo
Allegro Moderato
Allegro
Concerto Grosso "La Follia"
Corelli-Geminiani
Preludio e Allegro ....Pugnani-Kreisler
Violin-Solo: Prof. A. FOA
Flute and Harp Concerto in C
with Orchestra .....Mozart
Allegro
Andantino
Rondo—Allegro
Soloists: E. GIRARDELLO (Flute)—P. BIRTLIN (Harp)
Symphony No. 6 in G major ....Haydn
"The Surprise"
Adagio Cantabile—Vivace assai
Andante
Menuetto—Allegro molto
Finale—Allegro molto
Conductor: Maestro MARIO PACI.

Foreign Schools Grants For 1939

The Municipal Council has approved the following allocation of grants to foreign schools during 1939:—

Japanese Schools	$139,000
Cathedral School for Boys	5,000
First Russian A. S. Pushkin School	5,000
Kaiser Wilhelm Schule	9,000
Loretto School	2,500
Shanghai Jewish School	6,000
St. Francis Xavier's College and Orphanage	8,500
Cathedral School for Girls, Special Grant	7,000
Shanghai American School, Special Grant	8,000
	$190,000

Customs Employees Must Pay Income Tax

Peiping, Apr. 20.

The Executive Commission of the "Provisional Government" has instructed the local Ministry of Finance to inform all Chinese Customs under its jurisdiction, that all Customs employees, foreigners and Chinese alike, are to pay income tax.—Reuter.

Shanghai Germans Holds Celebration

Fuehrer's 50th Birthday Observed with Meeting At German Hall

Members of Shanghai's German community filled the German Hall on Ave. Foch to capacity yesterday evening at 6.30 to celebrate the 50th birthday of the Fuehrer. After members of the Hitler Youth and the S. A. Guards had marched into the hall in formation and taken their places in the front of the auditorium, a ceremony was held in which about thirty candidates for the German Nationalist Party took the party oath. Herr S. Lahrmann, leader of the China group of the National Socialist party, then delivered a speech in which he stressed Germany's peaceful intentions towards other nations and her determination to protect her rights.

Herr Lahrmann said that, although it is an old German custom to speak only of pleasant things on a birthday, in these serious times when a hostile attitude pervades the world it is appropriate to say what they thought. With the present gigantic propaganda of hate and lies which is spreading over the whole world, it is the duty of citizens of the Third Reich, the greater German Reich which they owed to Adolf Hitler, to do everything in their power to clear the atmosphere of this poison.

Hitler Wants Peace

Herr Lahrmann, citing the fact that Herr Hitler had known what war was like, having spent four years in the front lines, then stated that the Fuehrer has from the very beginning worked to save his people and the world from the catastrophes of another war. "This," said the speaker, "we cannot stress enough, especially today in a world which is trying to change truth into lies and lies into truth."

"I would like to stress the fact that only a short while ago the British Prime Minister stated in the House of Commons, in answer to irresponsible interpellations, that one could not trust the word of the German Fuehrer, that the Fuehrer had kept to his agreement both in spirit and according to the letter. Do not underestimate this admission by the British Prime Minister. He did not talk of some small unimportant agreement, he talked of the pact which left Berlin her worldwide sphere and by which Germany bound herself not to endanger Britain's power in this sphere. With this—and that is very important indeed—world peace was secured as far as Germany was concerned, for Britain now no longer had any cause to disturb Germany's activities in her own sphere of interest.

"But what is the position on the other side of the other side? Has one kept to the spirit of the agreement—and that is the most important part of it—in Britain? No and again no, if Germany does not disturb Britain in her vital sphere, i.e. the British Empire, it should be self understood that Britain does not interfere in Germany's sphere. The least one can expect of a cosignatory is that he gives Germany a possibility to live."

Reference to Czechoslovakia

With reference to Czechoslovakia, the speaker said that the Czech people had been left helpless and alone with all signs of internal revolt and disintegration and that great credit should be given to the leaders of the Czech nation, Hacha and Chvalkowsky, for clearly recognizing the situation and acting accordingly. They went to Berlin and confidently put the destiny of the Czech people in the hands of the German Fuehrer, and he found the only possible solution." The Czech people will soon accustom themselves to the new order and will like it very much better than the former 'independent' dependence on France. It will find its natural protector in Germany."

The speaker continued, "They know in London and Paris quite well that, if the Munich agreement is to be of any value at all, Britain and France must withdraw once and for all from Germany's sphere of interests. The safeguarding of Bohemia and Moravia is of no more concern to London and Paris than are the disputes in Syria, Palestine or Ireland the concern of Berlin. The situation between Britain and Ireland, and Germany and Bohemia is absolutely analogous and a perfect example. What a disturbance there would be if Germany interferred in these matters and demanded that London first asked Berlin's permission before negotiating in these matters."

Herr Lahrmann closed his speech by stating that Herr Hitler's slogan is "Peace" and that to keep peace he keeps Germany prepared. "Should he, however,—and may God prevent it—be forced to use the sword, forced by the arch enemies of the world, in order to save Germany and the world,—then the Fuehrer will find us ready."

The meeting was concluded with the reading of a telegram of congratulation to Herr Hitler.

Japanese Not Informed Of Hollywood Shooting

Japanese Consular Police yesterday denied that they were investigating the reported shooting of a Japanese at the Hollywood resort on Yu Yuen Road Wednesday night. The Japanese authorities said that they were not aware of such a case, which was reported in the "North-China Daily News" yesterday.

Sweden Calls 14,000 More Men to Colours

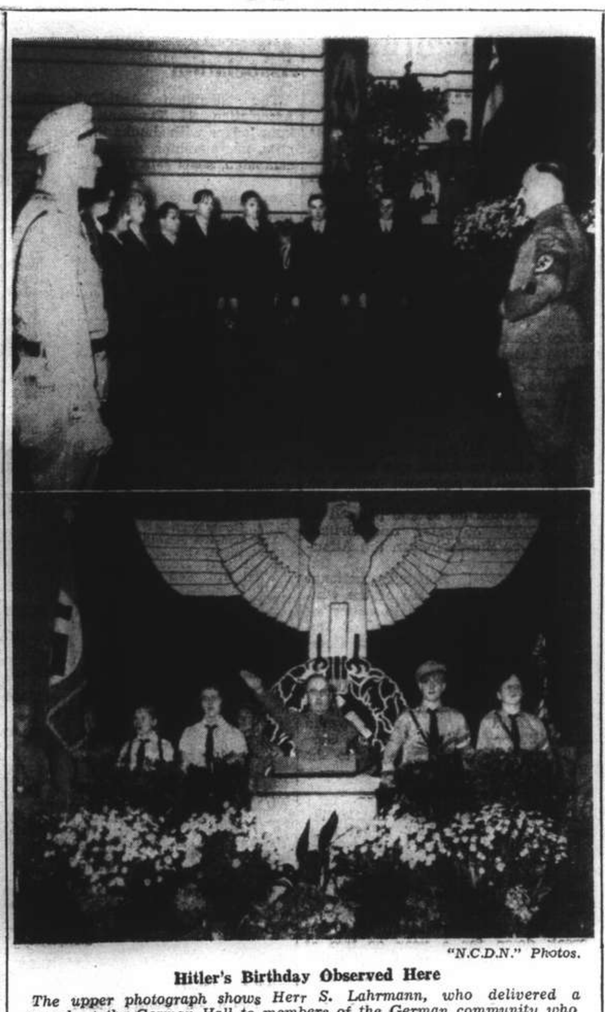
Stockholm, Apr. 19.

The whole of the 1935 class of conscripts, and those of the 1934 class who have been trained in air defence, have been called up for one month, beginning May 15. Sweden's manpower under arms from May 15 to June 14 will thus be increased by 14,000 effectives.—Reuter.

Italian Weekly Mentions "Decisive Hour"

Rome, Apr. 19.

"The decisive hour will strike in the eastern basin of the Mediterranean, and on the banks of the Rhine," declares the weekly political review "Critica Fascista." "Hence," the paper continues, "the necessity for the Axis powers to neutralize the Eastern Front by eliminating dangerous plotting centres."—Reuter.



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Hitler's Birthday Observed Here

The upper photograph shows Herr S. Lahrmann, who delivered a speech at the German Hall to members of the German community who gathered to observe the 50th birthday of Herr Hitler, talking to members of the Hitler Youth. He is shown in the lower photo taking the Nazi salute from the speaker's platform.

Taiyo Maru Brings Many Here

High Japanese Officials Among Passengers; Middle School Students Come

Carrying a cosmopolitan group of 665 passengers, including high ranking officials, students, and vaudeville entertainers, the Japan-China liner ss. Taiyo Maru arrived in Shanghai at 2.40 on Wednesday afternoon, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported yesterday.

Vice-Admiral Shizuye Tsuda, I.J.N.R., Director-General of the Shanghai liaison office of the Asia Development Board, returned to his post after attending a first conference of liaison office chiefs of the Board in Tokyo, according to the daily.

Another leading Japanese official to arrive on the Taiyo Maru was Mr. Takashi Mori, newly-appointed Director of the Cultural Affairs Bureau in the Shanghai A.D.B. liaison office.

Prior to his assumption of the A.D.B. post, Mr. Mori was Chief of the Telegraph and Code Section in the Foreign Office. His foreign service included posts in Paris, London, and most recently in Bangkok.

Previous to his London position, Mr. Mori was chief of the First Section of the Information Bureau of the Foreign Office in 1930. He was also a member of the League of Nations China Commission in 1932, and attended the World Economic Conference in London the following year, the Japanese journal reported.

Mr. Toshio Akagi and Mr. Akira Yamamoto, research officials in the Shanghai A.D.B. liaison office, and Mr. Takenosuke Miyamoto, Director of the Engineering Bureau in the Board's Tokyo headquarters, were also among those who arrived on Wednesday, the paper said.

One hundred and sixty middle school graduates, who will matriculate as the first students of Tung Wen University, which was only recently raised from the status of a college to that of a university, and six Japanese vaudeville entertainers on their way to visit Japanese soldiers at the fronts, were included in the large passenger list, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported.

Shanghai Schoolgirls Take Stage

Comedies New and Old at P. and T. H. School

The females of the species were in possession of the stage at 10 Tifeng Road (S.M.C. Public School for Junior Boys) yesterday afternoon at 5.30 (and will be again this afternoon at the same time) when very excellent entertainment was given by the girls of the Public and Thomas Hanbury School, their object being to fill the coffers of the Ministering Children's League.

A one-act comedy, "The Dear Departed," a very amusing, if somewhat cynical, portrayal of unelevating family greed, occupied the first part of the programme. This play depended entirely upon intelligent acting and the players should wear feathers in their caps for putting it over the footlights so well, a special mark being due to Marianne Ohliguer who filled a gap at last minute notice. The cast follows:—

"THE DEAR DEPARTED"

Mrs. Slater .....Evelyn Young
Victoria Slater .....Marianne Ohliguer
Henry Slater .....Helmi Koskin
Mrs. Jordan .....Gallina Senichenko
Ben Jordan .....Nellie Wilson
Abel Merryweather ....Phyllis Almeida

Then came the play scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Here scenery, costumes and lighting combined with jolly acting to make a really charming show. The players enjoyed themselves and so did the audience, the bursts of laughter from the latter bearing good testimonial to the fun. Some very sweet off-stage chorus singing reinforced the voices of the fairies. The players were as follow:—

INTERLUDE FROM
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Bottom, the Weaver ....Nina Yablonsky
Quince, the Carpenter..Barbara Posner
Flute, the Bellows Mender
Vasiliki Argendeli
Snug, the Joiner ....Fatima Mohideen
Starveling, the Tailor ....Muriel Young
Snout, the Tinker .....Hebe Hayward
Titania, Queen of the fairies
Margery Bridges
Puck .....Lillian Osteen
Peaseblossom .....Mary Wilbur
Cobweb .....Kathleen Barnes
Moth .....Doreen Lovelock
Mustard Seed .....Dorothy Johnson

The whole production of both plays was in the capable hands of Mrs. F. M. Pecaric.

OBITUARY

Dr. John Y. Lee

Dr. John Y. Lee, prominent Chinese Christian worker, passed away at about 10.30 a.m. yesterday at his home at 236 Route de Boissezon. He had been suffering for some time from cancer of the inner ear. The funeral services will be held at 3.30 p.m. tomorrow at the Community Church, 53 Avenue Petain.

John Yinbong Lee was born on December 9, 1884, in Canton, Kwangtung. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. Lee Tsai-liang. He received his early education at Pui Ching Baptist Academy, which was founded by his father. He sailed for the U.S.A. at the age of eleven, with his parents, landing at San Francisco and then going on to Chicago, where Mr. Lee was called to take charge of the Mission for Chinese. He entered Morgan Park Academy, was graduated and entered the University of Chicago in 1904, graduating in 1907. He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma XI honorary fraternities.

After his graduation from the University, he served as Assistant Professor of Physics in the University of Chicago, where he was associated with Dr. R. A. Millikan. He continued his studies and earned the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. He was active in the Chinese Student Alliance and the Chinese Students' Christian Association.

In 1916 he entered the work of the Y.M.C.A. with Prof. C. H. Robertson in America, and returned to China in 1917, when he joined the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. at Shanghai as secretary. Later he became the general secretary.

Dr. Lee was actively associated with the following organizations: The Literature Promotion Fund, the National Christian Council, the Baptist Church, Sung Tak Girls' School, the University of Shanghai, the Christian Literature Society, the Chinese Government Testing Bureau as an expert in silk testing, the Asia Electric Company as manager, the China Scientific Instrument Company, and the China Baptist Publication Society.

He leaves a widow and two daughters, Ellen Grace and Beatrice Dorothy.

First Meeting of New Council

Mr. C.S. Franklin Re-elected Chairman; Mr. W.J. Keswick New Vice-Chairman

The first meeting of the recently elected Shanghai Municipal Council for 1939 was held at the Council Chamber, Administration Building, yesterday noon when the following members of Council were present:—Messrs. C. S. Franklin, A. C. Cornish, G. A. Haley, Yulin Hsi, W. J. Keswick, E. Y. B. Kiang, B. G. MacDonald, G. E. Mitchell, O. Okamoto, T. S. Powell, T. Sugisaka, L. T. Yuan and Yu Ya Ching.

Mr. C. S. Franklin was re-elected Chairman of the Council, and Mr. W. J. Keswick was elected Vice-Chairman in succession to Brig.-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten, C.M.G., D.S.O., retiring member of Council.

Mr. W. Gockson, who is away from Shanghai, was the only member absent from the meeting.

The Municipal Council has been notified by the Chinese Ratepayers' Association of the election, at a meeting of representatives of Chinese Ratepayers, of Messrs. Yu Ya Ching, L. T. Yuan, Eugene Y. B. Kiang, W. Gockson and Yulin Hsi as members of the Shanghai Municipal Council for the year 1939/40.

The Council has also been notified by the Chinese Ratepayers' Association of the election of Messrs. K. H. Ling, Chen Che-chen, F. S. Hsu, S. Francis Liu, K. C. Hsu and W. J. Lee to serve on the Council's Committees for the year 1939/40. Mr. T. Z. King has been nominated by the Chinese Ratepayers' Association as Land Commissioner for 1939/40.

"Reformed Government" Plans Clinics

Clinics for the care of destitute persons in the provinces of Chekiang, Kiangsu, and Anhwei will be established by the "Reformed Government" in each hsien during this year, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday.

The institutions will be under the direct control of the Ministry of the Interior in Nanking, which will devote $5,000 for the establishment and $1,000 a month for the maintenance of each clinic. Sungkiang, Wusih, Wukiang, and Quinsan have been selected as the sites of the first of such clinics, according to the Japanese newspaper.

Chinese Kills Wife and Himself

Trouble Over Liaison with Police Officers

Because his wife fell in love with a "puppet" police officer attached to the Greater Shanghai Municipal Government, a rice shop assistant knifed the woman to death and then killed himself in the same manner, it was reported yesterday.

The double tragedy was enacted in Wukachieh, Lunghwacheng on Tuesday at about midnight when Mrs. Chu Ka-ting, the murder victim, was sleeping. Her husband chopped her neck many times with a kitchen knife. Seeing that his wife was dead, Chu stabbed himself several times. Their bodies were discovered on Wednesday morning by their neighbours.

It was said that the murdered woman had been in love with a "puppet" police officer in Lunghwa and that although her husband knew something about it he did not make a fuss thinking that the love story told by his neighbours might be untrue. On Tuesday, however, he discovered a "puppet" police officer's uniform hidden in his home and he therefore decided to murder his wife and to commit suicide.

Japanese Improve Air Link with Tokyo

Six German Condor Machines To Be Put in Service

Moving to cope with the heavy passenger air traffic between Japan and China, the Japan Airways Company will place six Condor aeroplanes, to be purchased from Germany, on the air route between the two countries in October, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported Wednesday evening.

Of the same type which covered the 14,000-kilometre route between Tokyo and Berlin in 46 flying hours last November, the Condor planes will be provided with four 870-horsepower engines. They can attain a maximum speed of 430 kilometres an hour and a cruising speed of 370 kilometres an hour. Each plane will contain 36 seats, the daily stated.

If used between the Fukuoka and Shanghai route, which at present operates 21-seater Douglas DC 3 planes, with a speed of 280 kilometres an hour, the present three-hour flying time between the two cities will be cut to two hours, according to the daily.

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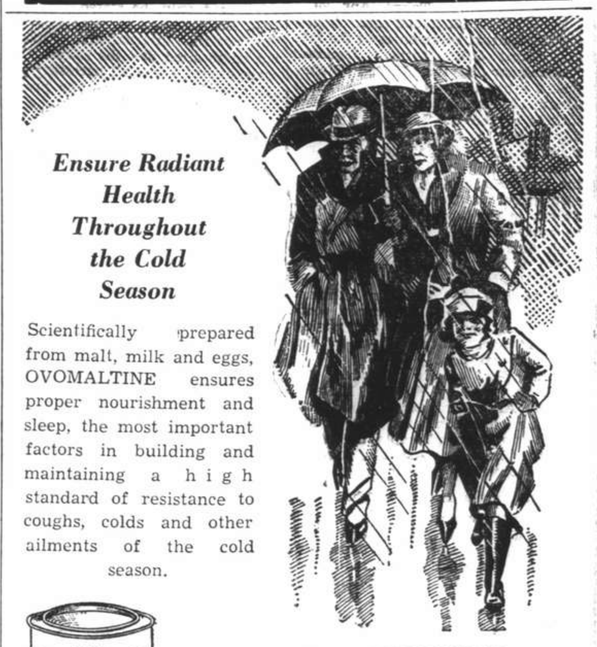
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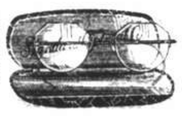
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Paris Uninformed of Direct Polish-German Parleys

M. Bonnet Details French Foreign Policy; Nationalist Spain Not Yet Tied to Axis

Paris, Apr. 19.

THE French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, revealed today that he knew of no direct Polish-German negotiations on the Danzig problem. He made the statement before the Chamber Foreign Affairs Committee when he presented a lengthy outline of French foreign policy during recent weeks. He stressed the importance of the Anglo-Polish agreement and voiced satisfaction that Britain had granted a guarantee of assistance to Poland if that nation were attacked and ask for help.

M. Bonnet explained why France had granted a guarantee of integrity to Rumania and expressed gratification over the fact that the British Government had taken simultaneous and similar action. Dealing with Poland's role in the European drama of today, he alluded to conversations now taking place between Poland and Rumania, aiming at the conclusion of mutual aid agreements. He then expressed the hope that relations between France and Turkey would become more and more confident and friendly. Turkey, he said, had assured the French Government that the Turks did not intend to occupy with force the Sanjak of Alexandretta, whose jurisdiction at present constitutes an outstanding question between the two countries.

M. Bonnet then revealed that diplomatic parleys were under way with Russia with a view to obtaining Soviet assistance for neighbouring States if they were attacked.

Negotiations with Russia were proceeding satisfactorily, he added, although he could not as yet disclose the scope of engagements that Russia would assume in regard to Poland and Rumania. These engagements would provide for more assistance than would be pledged in an air agreement only, he stated.

M. Bonnet admitted the gravity of the present international situation but emphasized that the French Government had taken all necessary precautionary measures for the protection of the empire. He emphasized also that all parleys now in progress were aimed at no one, but had as their ultimate goal only the maintenance of peace.

Spanish Relations Improve

Referring to Spain, he declared that Franco-Spanish relations were being bettered. He stressed that it should be understood that a country just ending a civil war could not participate in any new war in Europe.

Burgos' adherence to the Anti-Comintern Pact was an ideological move, he stated. The Nationalist authorities themselves declared that their action did not signify political adherence to the policy of the Rome-Berlin Axis.

M. Bonnet said that he had received reports that the French Consul in Alicante, who had been detained, has since been released by the Nationalist authorities.

U.S. Gesture Praised

In concluding his address, the Foreign Minister eulogized President Roosevelt's recent appeal for peace to Berlin and Rome. If this appeal were answered, it would lead the way to peace.

Moreover, he stated, President Roosevelt's messages to Italy and the Reich were of great importance because they could exert considerable influence on the American people in their attitude towards modification of the Neutrality Act.—Havas.

Astoria Crew Goes Sightseeing

Capt. Turner Thanks Japanese Government, People for Welcome

Tokyo, Apr. 20.

Their duties concluded after attending the funeral ceremonies of the late Mr. Hirosi Saito, former Japanese Ambassador to the United States, whose ashes they had transported to Japan, sixteen officers and 320 bluejackets of the U.S.S. Astoria yesterday made a series of sightseeing visits to notable points in Tokyo.

Representing half of the crew of the American cruiser, the officers and men arrived at Tokyo Station at 9.50 o'clock in the morning. Boarding five charcoal-burning Japanese buses, their first visit took them to the Imperial Palace Plaza, facing the Imperial Palace.

Proceeding to Yasukuni Shrine, they joined Capt. R. K. Turner, commander of the Astoria, in paying their respects to the spirits of the Japanese war dead.

While the officers attended the luncheon given by Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita at his official residence, the bluejackets continued their round of visits to Kannon Temple, the International Theatre at Asakusa, and the Ginza, Tokyo's famed thoroughfare.

Capt. Turner Expresses Thanks

Deep appreciation for the cordial reception given to officers and crew of the U.S.S. Astoria was expressed by Capt. Turner, commander of the American cruiser, in responding to the address of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, at a luncheon party given yesterday by Mr. Arita in honour of the officers of the Astoria.

In his address Capt. Turner said: "On my own account, and on behalf of the officers present from the U.S.S. Astoria, permit me to thank you for your hospitality, and even more to thank you for the kind sentiments which you have expressed. It has been the Astoria's good fortune to be the means of putting into concrete form the sincere American feeling of respect and friendship for the late Japanese Ambassador, and you may be assured that Americans deeply regret that Mr. Saito's untimely death removed him from their national life.

"I am very grateful, and the officers and men of the Astoria are grateful, for the opportunity of participating in my country's expression of admiration for this renowned Japanese statesman. I am proud to have had my ship selected for the solemn mission of transporting his ashes home to their final resting place.

High Honour Appreciated

"We also are deeply sensible of the honour accorded us in being permitted to assist in the imposing and reverent funeral ceremonies for the late Ambassador here in Tokyo yesterday.

"We realize that the friendly words which you addressed to us are directed primarily to the United States Government and the American people. We are fortunate in being here to represent them on this occasion. It is in their name, therefore, that I accept your appreciation for the safe accomplishment of our mission and it is in their name that I accept from your Imperial Japanese Government and the Japanese people the generous welcome given us.

"We have all been much impressed by the friendliness of our greeting by the Japanese people and we are being overwhelmed by the hospitality for which that people are so famous.

"Again I thank you, Mr. Foreign Minister, for your kindness and thank your people for the many courtesies which they extended us from the time of our arrival.

"The Astoria has only a few days in port, regrettably, but none of her ship's company, neither those who have been here before nor those on their first visit to Japan will ever forget the cordiality of their reception in this charming and beautiful country."—Domei.

Imperial Audience

Tokyo, Apr. 20.

The Emperor, it is officially announced, will grant an audience on April 24 to Captain R. Turner and Commander P. Theiss of the United States cruiser Astoria.—Reuter.

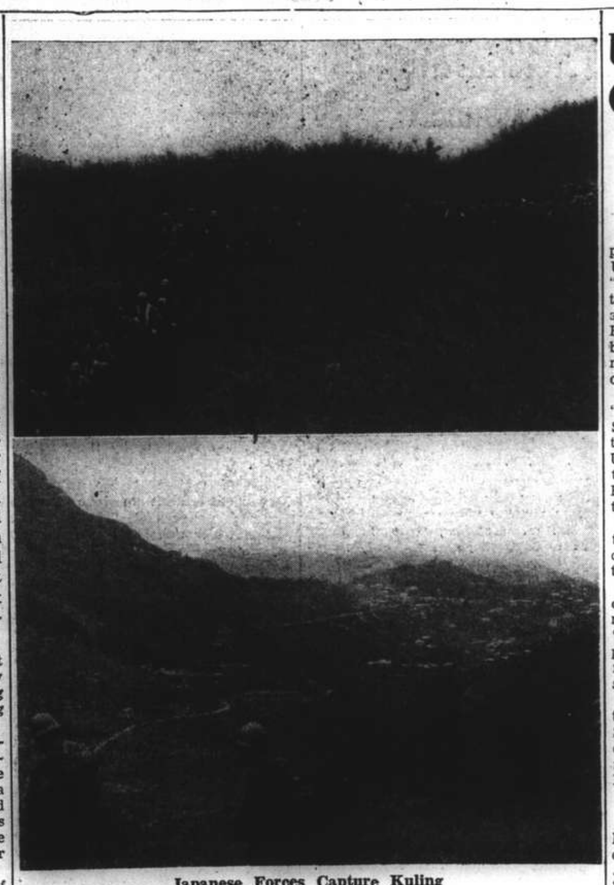
U.S. Building War Tin Reserve

Discussions Now Under Way With Tin Committee

London, Apr. 19.

Preliminary discussions are reported to be taking place between the United States Government and the International Tin Restriction Committee for the sale to America of tin as a war reserve.

Well-informed circles, while not denying the possibility of such talks, have no knowledge of the figure of 25,000 tons having been mentioned. It is generally known that the United States has been endeavouring for a long time to build up her own tin reserves, and the authorities controlling the tin market are believed to be not averse to such a scheme, provided that the United States Government agrees to proper safeguard regarding the release of tin from such war stock.—Reuter.



Japanese Forces Capture Kuling

Japanese forces captured Kuling on Tuesday morning after a desperate fight with the Chinese who had been in possession of the famous mountain resort for the last six months. These pictures show Japanese soldiers participating in the attack.

Chinese Fete Gen. Macnaghten

Warm Tribute Paid Former Vice-President of Council; Work for Refugees

A dinner party was given by the four leading Chinese public bodies in Shanghai on Wednesday night in the Park Hotel in honour of Brigadier-General E. B. Macnaghten, former Vice-Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, who is leaving Shanghai on home leave shortly.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Yu Ya-ching, doyen of Chinese members of the Council and Gen. Macnaghten's colleague in the Shanghai Refugee Relief Society of which the guest of honour is vice-chairman. The participating Chinese public bodies were, (in addition to the society) the Chinese Ratepayers Association, Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Shanghai Civic Association.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Yu expressed appreciation on behalf of the Chinese for the excellent public services rendered by the distinguished guest during his past 19 years' residence in Shanghai. Brigadier-General Macnaghten was especially praised for his untiring efforts to assist Chinese refugees and also for his kindness, politeness and straight forwardness in his dealings with the Chinese from whom he has won unanimous admiration.

"Perhaps, General Macnaghten does not realize what a high regard the Chinese community have for him, and how with real respect we hold him as our great friend. His Chinese name is, to the Chinese, one of the best known names of the foreign residents in the city. This, I submit, is by no means a sheer accident especially when we remember that his Chinese name runs into four characters and how difficult it is to pronounce it with correct Chinese enunciation with the title 'General' added to it."

In reply, Brig.-Gen. Macnaghten appreciated the "greatest kindness" extended to him by every one since his arrival in Shanghai some 19 years ago and in expressing thanks he said that "if I have been able to repay by public service in the smallest degree even a part of the great debt of gratitude I owe on account of the kindness which has been extended to me, I am content, gentlemen—more than content." He hinted in his response that he might not seek civic honours after return from leave ready to give way to advancing years but in this respect he contrasted himself with Mr. Yu praising the latter by saying that he (Mr. Yu) "defies time and gets younger as he gets older."

Among those invited to the dinner were Major K. M. Bourne, Sir Robert Calder-Marshall, Mr. A. C. Cornish, Mr. Jean Donne, Mr. Stirling Fessenden, Mr. C. S. Franklin, Dr. J. H. Jordan, Mr. Eugene Y. B. Kiang, Mr. W. J. Keswick, Mr. Li Ming, Mr. K. H. Ling, Mr. S. Francis Liu, Mr. Kwei Yen-fong, Major J. T. Ford, Mr. C. M. Shu, Mr. Kenyon Tseng, Mr. T. S. Powell Mr. G. G. Phillips, Mr. C. C. Woo, Mr. L. T. Yuan and Mr. Kenyon Tseng, who interpreted the speeches.

In accordance with a resolution recently reached at the general meeting of the Chinese Ratepayers Association, the Association has forwarded an official letter to Brigadier-General Macnaghten thanking him for his efforts in connection with the maintenance of peace and order and care of refugees in Shanghai.

Police Act Against Canton Looters

Hold-ups Continue; Two Foreigners Attacked

Canton, Apr. 20.

Tightening the screw against looters, the police authorities have issued an order prohibiting the sale of furniture in street markets.

Although unable to obtain the necessary proofs, the authorities believe that the majority of household articles offered for sale in these markets have been acquired illegally. Meanwhile, despite stricter searching by the Japanese and increased military patrols, the number of armed robberies and hold-ups in broad daylight in the city show no diminution.

Foreigners now give the loot markets a wide berth following the recent hold-up of an Indian couple and a prominent Portuguese resident of Shameen.

In both cases, revolvers were produced by the footpads to ensure silence and a safe getaway. The Portuguese was the only one of the three to suffer any bodily injury. He was unceremoniously clubbed on the head with the butt of a pistol when he showed resistance.

Unknown to the general public, the Canton district court is functioning normally. According to Mr. Chuck Liu, chief judge, 31 criminal cases have been disposed of since late December, while there are 650 inmates in the district prison, most of them awaiting trial.—Reuter.

No U.S. Plea to Japan Anticipated

President Roosevelt and Dr. Hu Shih Confer

Washington, Apr. 20.

President Roosevelt is not planning an early appeal for peace to Japan, State Department quarters indicated today.

Referring to a report in the Tokyo "Asahi Shimbun," one official said that "as far as we know this report has no official foundation in fact." The report alleged Japan would soon receive from Mr. Roosevelt a message similar to those sent to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini. A Foreign Office spokesman in Tokyo described the "Asahi" report as a matter merely of "journalistic imagination."

President Roosevelt yesterday conferred with the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Hu Shih. They discussed the situation in the Orient in what Dr. Hu described as a "purely social" conference. The Ambassador said President Roosevelt discredited the Tokyo report that he would ask Japan to pledge herself to peace and participate in international conferences for the distribution of raw materials and limitation of armaments.—United Press.

British Scouts Hold Annual Dinner

Local Association Host To Other Scout Units

The Scouts Social which was given by the Shanghai branch of the Boy Scouts Association Tuesday evening at the British Forces Recreation Centre, 85 Ferry Road took a new form this year. The annual affair has always been held heretofor as a formal dinner, but it was decided to make this year's meeting informal and as much like a homeside party as possible.

The function, which was one of the most successful ever held, was attended by members of the association, the Scout Council, and representatives of other scout and guide units so that they might have the opportunity of meeting the active scouters and honorary officers of the British Association.

Upon arrival the guests played various games until nine o'clock when a buffet supper was held, after which the guests viewed many excellent specimens of scout handicraft which had been placed on exhibition. Later, a typical scout meeting, in which the patrol leaders of the ten British groups participated, was held in the main hall before a large audience. The Acting Scout Commissioner, Mr. A. H. Gordon, paid one if his usual visits to the scout meeting accompanied by District Rover Commissioner Crowther. The opportunity was taken to present Commissioner Crowther with his official warrant which recently arrived from London. After the scout meeting had been concluded guests spent the rest of the evening dancing to music furnished by the Reel Club. Among those attending were:

Sir Herbert Phillips and Lady Phillips Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Marden, Col. J W. Hornby, Mr. A. H. Gordon and daughter Betty, Mr. and Mrs. N. S Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Silvey, Commissioner and Mrs. Crowther, Mr. F Iken, Mr. H. C. Crickmer, Dr. H. C Patrick, Mr. H. E. Arnhold, Mr. and Mrs. H. Berents, the Rev. M. Brown Mr. L. C. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. L. B Carrel, Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Gauntlett Mr. Ellis Hayim, the Rev. P. C. Mathews, Dean and Mrs. Trivett, Mrs. D M. Butt and Mrs. E. A. C. Chambers.

German Statement on Argentina

Washington, Apr. 20.

The German Embassy last night issued a statement denying conspiracy to detach Patagonia from the Argentine Government and establish a Nazi regime under Berlin's control. The statement said that allegations against Germany printed in Argentine papers, and reprinted in the United States, were based on a "forgery." "The so-called Patagonian question does not exist for Germany," the communiqué said.—United Press.

U.S. Envoy to Spain Nominated

Washington, Apr. 20.

President Roosevelt yesterday nominated Mr. Alexander Weddell, former Ambassador to Argentina, as first American Ambassador to the Spanish Nationalist Government. The nomination is subject to confirmation. —United Press.

New Warship Added to Japanese Fleet

Yokosuka, Apr 20.

Another warship was added to Japan's growing fleet when the destroyer H.I.J.M.S. Hayashio was launched at the Uraga Dockyards yesterday afternoon, with Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Commander-in-Chief of the Yokosuka Naval Base attending the ceremonies.—Domei.

U.S. Difficulties Over Neutrality

"Cash and Carry" Plan Aids Britain But Also Aids Aggressive Japan

Washington, Apr. 20.

The neutrality plan which would permit all belligerent nations to buy United States war materials on a "cash and carry" basis would make the United States the ally of Britain and Japan, Senator Hiram Johnson, Republican of California, said today before Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on proposed revision of the nation's neutrality legislation.

Senator Johnson implied that the "cash and carry" system proposed by Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the Committee, would place the United States in the conflicting position of aiding a *status quo* Power in Europe and an aggressor nation in the Orient.

"Japan could do as she pleased in the Pacific," he said, "and Britain could do as she desires in the Atlantic."

Mr. Maxwell Stewart, national chairman of the Friends of the Chinese People and associate editor of "Nation", urged the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee to adopt stronger economic sanctions against aggressors.

Mr. Upton Close, writer and lecturer, predicted that a strong United States stand in the Orient would cause Japan to "double-cross Germany and Italy and sell out to the British and French."

Japan's Strength Noted

Mr. Stewart said later that he believed Mr. Close had been over-optimistic when he testified that Japan would be unable to continue her war in China if the United States refused to sell war materials to Japan. He said he believed the Japanese war machine would not break down for a year or two at least, even though the United States should cut off all trade relations with Japan.

However, Mr. Stewart said he believed a law giving the President or Congress the power to declare embargoes against certain nations, "would do more to prevent war than practically any other measure."

He said Japan was too much involved in China to fight the United States if America refused to supply Japan with war materials. Mr. Stewart pointed out that the President now has the power to increase the tariff of Japanese imports into the United States by 25 per cent. and even ban all imports from countries such as Japan which are discriminating against American imports.

He said Congress could prohibit Americans from making loans or granting credits to nations or citizens of nations which violated treaties with the United States.—United Press.

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Dublin, Apr. 19.

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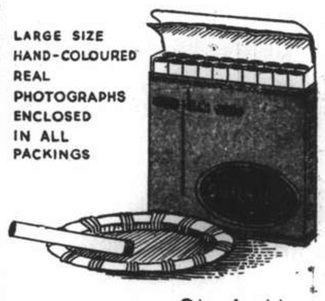

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U.S. $100 @ 16 ...... $625.00

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 5/16 ...... $ 28.87
U.S. $100 @ 16¼ $615.38
London—demand 8 5/16
4 months' sight credits 8 11/32
4 months' sight docts 8 13/32
6 months' sight credits 8⅜
6 months' sight docts 8 7/16
New York—demand ...... U.S. $16¼
4 months' sight credits 16¼
4 months' sight docts 16⅜
Paris—4 months' sight docts Fcs. 626

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ...... 8¼ U.S. $16 1/16
Hongkong/London 1/2 11/16

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 15 13/16 ...... $627.45
Hongkong $55⅝ $100.00

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$100=Reg. Mk. 82.00 incl. License fee

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTERBANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest	8¼	Lowest	8¼
U.S. G.$		16 1/16		16 1/16
Yen		—		—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

SELLING		BUYING	
Cash		April/May	
£ T.T.	8 7/32	4 m/s. l.c.	8 11/32
G.$ T.T.	16 1/16	4 m/s. l.c.	16 3/16
Fcs. T.T.	605	4 m/s.	617
Rs. T.T.	45⅞	15 d/s.	46¼

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	20 1/16	19⅞
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	42¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	52.14	—

Bombay offtake 75 bars.

London silver was unchanged both ready and forward, being 20 1/16 for ready and 19⅞ forward. New York was unchanged at 42¾ and Bombay was 1 anna up at 52.14.

It was reported business and offerings were very small. Market quiet, steady. After the official fixing the market ruled steady, but idle.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8 7/32 sterling and 16 1/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market was very dull and in the absence of any merchant business there was no activity. Selling rates at the opening and close were:—

8¼	sterling	16 1/16	U.S.$	Apr.
8 15/64	"	16 1/32	"	May
8 15/64	"	15 31/32	"	June
8 7/32	"	15 15/16	"	July

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay, Rupee T. T. on: Apr. 19.

Japan	78½	London	1/5 61/64
New York	286¼	2 mths	
Shanghai	48	" (sellers)	1/5 63/64
Hongkong	84¼	" (buyers)	1/5 61/64

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	468.00	Berne	20.86¾
Paris	176.68	Shanghai	8⅜d N
Berlin	11.67½	Bombay	1/5 61/64
Amsterdam	8.81⅜	Hongkong	1/2¾
Brussels	27.84½	Singapore	2/3 31/32
Madrid	42.25	Yokohama	1/2
Milan	88.97	" (Buying)	Unq.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.07	Japan	27.31
Spain	Unq.	Shanghai	16.18
Holland	53.09	Austria	Unq.
Paris	2.64⅞	C'slovakia	Unq.
Brussels	16.80½	Hungary	19.80
Italy	5.26¼	Rumania	0.72½
S'zerland	22.43	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	24.11	Greece	0.86
Norway	23.52	Bulgaria	1.20
Denmark	20.89	Finland	2.07
Montreal	99.430	Poland	18.85½
Brazil	5.50		

London	4.68
" Demand	4.67⅞
" Bankers' 60 days bills	4.67 15/32
" Commercial 60 days bills	4.67 11/32
Buenos Aires Paper	29.03
Buenos Aires Paper, market rate	23.10
Montreal on London	4.70⅝

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: Apr. 19.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 11/32%
Bank Bills,	6 months	2⅜%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	3¼%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¾%
Call Money		0½%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B
	0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 9/16%B
	0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Apr. 20	Closing a.m. Closing	Prices p.m. Closing
Antamok	—	.31
Atok	—	.295
Balatoc	—	8.00
Batong Buhay	—	.015
Benguet Consolidated	—	11.10
Big Wedge	—	.25
Coco Grove	—	.32
Demonstration	—	.12
I X L	—	.50
Masbate	—	.12
North Camarines	—	.43
Sam Mauricio	—	1.78
Surigao Cons., Com.	—	.18
Surigao Con. Vot. Trust	—	.17
Suyoc	—	.15
United Paracale	—	.59
Shares Index: (closing prices)		93.28

—Reuter.

London Silver Market

London, Apr. 19.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Company, in their weekly bullion letter, write:—The London silver market during the week under review maintained a very steady tone, but movements have not been important. Offerings consisted mainly of resales, whilst support was provided by bear covering and purchases by Indian Bazaars and America; both the latter buying for prompt shipment.

Conditions continue to be quiet, and there are no indications of any important change in the near future.—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Activity was centered in Wheelocks and Ewos, both these stocks being in strong demand. The former rose to $35.25 while the latter again found keen buyers at $20.00. New Engines, after being easier at $6.60 improved to $6.80.

The rise in raw rubber brought out more buyers but bids were on the low side and consequently not much business was transacted.

The Debenture market was on the dull side with China Realty's changing hands at 55. The scheme for reorganization of this company is awaited with considerable interest.

Official Averages

1939 High	Low		Today's Averages	Change
155.01	105.32	General	139.99	—0.50
152.40	95.55	Rubbers	140.07	—1.11

Total 45,205 shares, 90 bonds.

Morning Session

T9,000	China Realty 8% Debs.	T 55.00
2,000	S'hai Pahang	$ 2.20
10,000	Tanah Merah	1.65
1,000	Cheng	0.42
2,000	Senawang	0.90
4,950	Anglo Java	15.20
4,500	S'hai Land	8.40
100	S'hai Power (Pref)	127.25
2,500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.60
2,000	I. I. Trust	3.30
500	China Import & Export	22.00
100	S'hai Dock	97.00
100	Wheelock	35.00
200	Wheelock	34.75
1,000	Wheelock	35.00
1,000	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.90
500	S. W. W. "B"	26.50
10	S'hai Power (Pref)	127.00
20	S'hai Power (Pref)	127.25
200	Caldbeck Macg. (Ord)	12.50
200	Wheelock	35.25
500	Metal Ind. of China	5.75
500	Metal Ind. of China	5.70
500	Wheelock	35.25
20	S'hai Power (Pref)	127.00

ODD LOTS

375	Tanah Merah	$ 1.65
65	Wheelock	34.75
62	New Eng. (Ord)	6.55
19	Wheelock	35.00
9	S'hai Power (Pref)	127.00
5	S'hai Power (Pref)	127.00
60	Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.00

Afternoon Session

1,000	Cheng	$ 0.43
1,000	S'hai Land	8.40*
3,500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.80
3,300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.00
300	Wheelock	35.25
1,000	I. I. Trust	3.30
10	S'hai Power (Pref)	127.25

ODD LOTS

100	S'hai Land	$ 8.40

*—Outport Business.

London Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Apr. 19.

A feature of today's trading on the Stock Exchange was the early selling of British gilt-edged securities by large institutions, causing a general marking down of prices, though, when offerings were well absorbed, giltedgeds recovered sharply imparting a brighter final tone in most sections. Local buying of Kaffirs offset Cape and Paris realizations. Elsewhere, conditions were mainly quiet.—Reuter.

	Apr. 18	19
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£93½	93⅜
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	35½	34½
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	41½	40½
	Osaka, Apr. 20.	
Kogo 5%		Y.103.94
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	18/3	13/3
Armstrong Stevens	7/6	7/6
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	37/4½	37/6
Austin Motors, ord.	30/-	30/-
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	20/1½	20/-
British American Tob.	92/6	91/10½
Cable & W., new form	40½	40
Cammell Laird, ord.	7/9	7/7
Courtaulds	24/-	24/3
Distillers	88/9	89/6
Dunlop Rubber	25/3	24/3
General Elec. (Eng.)	75/7½	75/9
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	100/-	100/-
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	18/7½	18/3
Imp. Chem. Indus.	28/6	28/3
Imp. Tobacco	126/3	125/7½
Leyland Motors	85/-	85/10½
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	57/6	58/6
Pressed Steel, com.	15/9	15/9
Rolls-Royce	100/-	101/3
Smethwick Drop Forgings	15/9	15/9
Tate & Lyle	59/-	59/4½
Turner & Newall	75/-	75/-
United Steel	23/1½	23/3
Vickers, ord.	20/6	20/3
Woolworths	58/9	58/9
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo Dutch	23/3	23/-
Rubber Pltn. Inv. Trust	24/-	24/-
MINES		
Burma Corp.	8/3	8/1½
Commonwealth Min.	1/-	1/-
Marsman Invest.	13/3	13/3
Randfontein Ests.	33/9	33/6
Sub-Nigel	207/6	207/6
Tanami Gold Min.	3d.	3d.
Western Holdings	7/3	7/3
OILS		
Anglo Iranian	78/9	79/4½
Burmah	78/1½	78/1½
Mexican Eagle	6/4½	6/6
Shell Trans. & Trad.	80/-	80/7½
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£64½	64
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	62½	62½
4½% Anglo-French Loan	57½	57½
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	36½	36½
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	51	50½
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	17	17
5% Honan Rly., 1905	22	21
5% Hukuang Rly., 1913	22½	22
5% " " (Ger. Is.)	20½	20½
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	17½	17¾
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	25½	25½
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	17½	17½
5% " " G.	17½	17½
5% " " (Supl. Loan) B.	17½	17½
5% " " (Supl. Loan) G.	17½	17½
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	19¼	19¼
S'hai Elec. Construction	25/- N	25/- N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	19½ N	19½ N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	30½	30½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	7⅝	7⅝
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	80	80
" " (Col. Reg.)	82½	82½
Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/-	17/-
Chosen Corp.	6/-	6/-
Pekin Syndicate	2/- N	2/- N
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	16/3	16/3

N—Nominal.

British Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Apr. 19.

Among commodities, rubber, after ruling quiet, improved on Continental demand and better New York advices.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 7 15/16 +1/16; sellers 8 +1/16; May del. buyers 7 15/16 +1/16; sellers 8 +1/16.

London Sugar (buyers): May 7/- +1d; Aug. 6/10¾ +1½; Dec. 6/4½; +½.

Liverpool Wheat: (N.C.) May 4/3¼ +½; July 4/4⅞ +¼; Oct. 4/6⅞ +¼.

Liverpool Cotton: Amer. Futures: May 4.65 —5; July 4.44 —5 Oct. 4.35 —2; Jan. 4.36 —2; Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7): No. 2 Contract: May 6.50 —5; July 6.59 —5; Sept. 6.67 —3; Oct. 6.67 —3.

London Metals: Copper, Stan. cash sellers £41 13/16 +⅛; 3 mths del. sellers £42⅛ +1/16; Copper, Electrolytic, buyers £47½ unc; sellers £48½ unc; Tin, Stan. cash sellers £218¾ +⅜; 3 mths del. sellers £216¾ +¾; Lead, For. official price, sellers £14 7/16 +¼; 3 mths del. official price sellers £14⅜ +⅛; Spelter, Ord. official price, sellers £13½ +¼; 3 mths del. official price, sellers £13 11/16 +1/16.—Reuter.

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Apr. 19.

The stock market was again rather weak today. Erdoel went down 1.25 to 123, Continental Rubber lost 1.75 at 212.25 and Siemens 1 at 191.

Bonds stood almost unchanged.—Trans-Ocean.

New York Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Apr. 19.

Conditions at the opening of the stock exchange today were quietly steady with prices showing a firmer tendency. Later, reports of the return of Sir Nevile Henderson, the British Ambassador, to Berlin and the willingness of Britain to participate in an international economic conference further advanced values. Some profit taking was noticed on the upward movement, but the volume of business passing, amounting to 440,000 shares, was again very light due to the cautiousness of traders.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	127.61	125.63	127.01	+1.63
20 Rails	22.75	25.43	25.63	+0.33
15 Utilit.	22.12	21.85	22.06	+0.12
40 Bonds	—	—	87.82	+0.05
11 Commod.	—	—	47.38	+0.12

	Apr. 18	19
Adams Express	7¼	7¼
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	15¾	16¼
Allied Stores	7	7½
Allis Chalmers	30¾	31½
Amerada Corp.	48½	—
Amer. Can	86½	86⅝
Amer. & For. Power	—	2¼
" " $7 pfd.	13½	14
Amer. Gas & Elec.	34	34
Amer. Locomotive	16¾	17¼
Amer. Metal	27½	28¼
Amer. Radiator	12	12
Amer. Rolling Mill	13⅜	13
Amer. Smelting	38	39¾
Amer. Sugar Refining	16⅝	16½
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	153¾	155¾
Amer. Tobacco "B"	80	80⅜
Amer. Waterworks	9	9¼
Anaconda Copper	22⅜	23⅜
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	26⅛	27¼
Auburn	—	—
Baltimore & Ohio	5	5⅛
Barber Asphalt Corp.	12¾	12¾
Barnsdall Oil Co.	13½	13¾
Bendix Aviation	19½	20⅛
Bethlehem Steel	54⅞	55⅞
Boeing Airplane Co.	20⅛	20½
Borg Warner	20¾	21⅛
Briggs Mfg. Co.	18¾	19½
Bklyn-Manhattan Trans.	10	10¼
" " $6 cum.	36⅞	38
Can. Pacific Rly.	3⅝	3¾
Case, J.I.	69⅞	71
Celanese Corp.	15⅝	16
Chase Nat. Bank	B 29½	B 29¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	30⅛	30½
Chrysler	58⅜	60
Columbia Gas & Elec.	6	6⅛
" 6% "A" pfd.	83	B *80½
Coml. Credit	42⅝	43¼
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1⅜	1¼
" $6 cum. pfd.	52½	—
Consolid. Edison	29	29¼
Consolid. Oil	7½	7⅜
Continental Can	36¼	36¾
Continental Oil	22⅞	22⅞
Corn Products	56	54⅞
Curtiss Wright (com.)	5	5
" " "A"	21½	22⅛
Deere & Co.	17¼	17¾
Distillers Corp.	16	B 16⅛
Douglas Aircraft	59½	60½
Du Pont de Nemours	135½	138
Eagle Picher Lead	8⅝	B 8¼
Eaton Manufacturing Co.	19¼	19½
Elec. Auto Lite	26	27
Elec. Bond & Share	7¾	7¾
" $5 pfd.	54	53
" $6 pfd.	61½	61½
Elec. Pwr. & Lt.	25	25
Flintkote	18½	18⅝
Food Machinery Corp.	22	B 21⅜
Gen. Amer. Trans.	42	42
Gen. Elec.	33⅞	34⅜
Gen. Motors	39½	40½
Gen. Rly. Signal	16	B 15¼
Glidden Co.	15½	16
Goodrich (B.F.)	15	15¾
" $5 pfd.	59	57½
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	23¾	24½
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	12¾	13
Great Nthrn. Rly.	18⅜	19
Great Western Sugar	24⅞	25¼
Greyhound Corp.	16⅜	16¾
Hecker Products	9½	9⅞
Homestake Min.	62¾	63
Indus. Rayon	20¼	20
Int. Harvester	53½	55
Int. Nickel	45	45¼
Int. Tel. & Tel.	6⅜	6⅝
Johns Manville	69¼	71
Jones & Laughlin	B 36¼	B 36¼
Kennecott	30⅜	30¾
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	40	40½
Lockheed Aircraft	24	25
Loew's Inc.	37⅛	38
Manhattan Shirt Co.	—	9¾
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	33⅜	33⅝
McKesson & Robbins	9¾	—
Monsanto Chemical	91½	92½
Montgomery Ward	44¼	44⅝
Nat. City Bank	B 22¾	B 22¾
Nat. Dairy Products	13⅜	13⅞
Nat. Distillers	24	24
Nat. Gypsum	10⅝	11¼
Nat. Lead	20	20½
Nat. Power & Lt.	7¼	7⅛
Nat. Steel Corp.	60	B 59½
Nat. Supply Co.	8¼	8⅝
New York Central	13⅝	14
Niagara Hudson Power	6½	6⅝
North Amer. Aviation	13½	13⅞
North Amer. Co.	20⅞	21¼
Northern Pacific	7⅞	8⅜
Pacific Gas & Elec.	29½	29½
Pacific Lighting	43½	*42½
Packard Motors	3¼	3¼
Paramount Pictures Inc.	7¾	7¾
Pennsylvania R.R.	16⅞	17
Phelps Dodge	31¼	32
Phillips Petroleum	33	33½
Public Serv.	33⅞	34
Pullman, Inc.	26	26¼
Pure Oil	7⅜	7⅝
Radio Corp. of Amer.	6	6
Republic Steel Co.	14¾	15
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	37⅜	38
Richfield Oil Corp.	7⅛	7⅛
Safeway Stores	32¼	32⅛
Schenley	13	13½
" 5% pfd.	—	—
Sears Roebuck	65	65⅞
Seversky Aircraft	3⅝	3⅞
Shell Union Oil	11⅜	11⅛
Socony-Vacuum	11¾	11½
Sthrn. Pacific	12	12¼
Sthrn. Rly. 5% pfd.	18¼	19
Sperry Corp.	38¾	38½
Stand. Brands	6⅛	6
Stand. Gas & Elec.	2¾	2⅝
Stand. Oil of Calif.	26⅝	26½
Stand. Oil of N.J.	45⅛	45⅛
Stone & Webster	9¾	10⅛
Swift International	26	26
Technicolor	B 15¾	16⅜
Texas Corp	37	37⅜
Texas Gulf Sulphur	27½	28¼
Transamerica	5¾	5⅞
Tw. Century Fox	18¼	18⅛
" " pfd.	—	—
Un. Carbide & Carbon	72	74
Un. Pacific	86½	87½
Un. Aircraft	35⅜	35½
Un. Air Lines Trans.	9¼	9¼
Un. Corp	2⅜	2¼
" $3 cum. pfd.	30½	31¼
Un. Gas Corp.	2	2
Un. Gas Improvement	11½	11⅜
U. S. Rubber	34⅝	35⅜
" 8% pfd.	91½	93
U. S. Steel	45¾	47¼
Vanadium	18¾	19½
Warner Bros. Picts.	4⅝	4⅞
Westinghouse Elec.	87½	90
Woodward Iron	B 16½	17

BONDS

	Apr. 18	19
Amer. & For. Power	53¼	54
Brazil	15¾	15¾
Baltimore & Ohio	17¾	18½
Cities Serv.	76⅜	78¼
Erie R.R.	9	8¾
Int. Tel. & Tel.	60⅛	60⅜
Minas Geraes	10⅛	10⅛
New England Gas	60	58½
Peru	8¾	8¾
Rio Grande do Sul	B 10⅜	B 10½
Sao Paluo	B 9	B 9
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	44	44½
Stand. Gas & Elec.	57⅛	57¾

B—Bid *—Ex dividend.

Dow-Jones Summary

Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

A firmer tendency developed in the stock market today, but the volume was around one of the lightest recorded since last September. An irregularly higher trend was noted at the opening which was dull, but thereafter conditions improved somewhat. However, support was lacking and the earlier gains were virtually dissipated by noon. Early in the afternoon, the list again moved up on the news that Great Britain was returning her Ambassador, Sir Nevile Henderson, to Berlin. At this juncture, gains in the main list ranged about two points, while higher priced issues recorded wider advances. Mr. Walter Gifford told stock holders of the American Telephone and Telegraph that the Company would be spending $320,000,000 on improvements this year, which is $25,000,000 above what was spent in 1938.

World Crisis and Banking

Trade Recession, Political Insecurity and Withdrawal of Balances Problems Last Year

THREE separate stresses to which the British Banking system was subjected last year all tended to drag down profits, according to "Overseas." Trade recession, already very obvious in the opening months of the year, continued to deepen until midsummer. Political insecurity, increasing as the year progressed, forced the banks to hold a higher proportion of their resources in cash than they would normally wish. The gradual rehabilitation of the French economic system led to the withdrawal of very large balances which had been deposited in this country for safe keeping and which had given to the British gold reserves an artificial appearance of opulence.

All these stresses are undesirable to the banker. Bad trade reduces the demand of his customers for loans, which are the most profitable part of his business. Liquidity means that the money formerly advanced to customers at, say, 4½ per cent., moves into investments earning, say, 3½ per cent., and thence into Treasury bills yielding ½ per cent., and thence into cash yielding no return. The repatriation of foreign money leaves the British banking system with less funds to employ. If in the face of these disadvantages the banks have reduced their net profits by an average of well under 10 per cent., they can claim to have done remarkably well.

Banks' Profits

The following table shows the profits of the joint stock banks after providing for taxation.

	1937 £	1938 £	Reduction per cent.
Midland	2,508,009	2,445,671	— 2.5
Westminster	1,750,589	1,557,162	—11.0
Barclays	2,133,825	1,926,458	— 9.7
Lloyds	1,832,501	1,706,275	— 6.9
National Provincial	1,519,482	1,380,759	— 9.1
Martins	687,164	707,047	+ 2.9
District	519,255	508,808	— 1.9
Williams Deacon's.	252,327	236,965	— 6.0

Of these banks it will be seen that one, Martins, actually shows an increased profit, but comparison there is vitiated by the fact that the 1937 figures bore a special charge for the centenary staff bonus. The reduction in profits of the other banks could be reduced, and in some instances almost explained away, by recalling that 1938 bore a heavier rate of income tax and a full year's National Defence Contribution, whereas 1937 stood the National Defence charge for only nine months. It is possible, however, to draw the comparison too strictly. Banks all show their net profits after making some provision either for contingencies or—what comes to the same thing—for bad debts. They usually provide more generously for those contingencies when profits are good, so that it would be safest to take the figures at no more than their face value and assume only that the banks wish us to know that 1938 was a slightly less profitable year than its predecessor.

Dividend Policies

If it be necessary to delve further, one may add that the large majority of the banks see no reason to upset their established dividend policies. The District with its distribution of 18⅓ per cent. against 17½ per cent. has felt justified in going back to the pre-1931 basis, while the Westminster has not thought it wise to repeat the special 2 per cent. bonus declared a year ago. Martins, while not repeating the centenary bonus of 2 per cent. made last year have added ½ per cent. to their regular dividend, making it 14½ per cent.

Bank balance sheets show, though in very varying degrees, the effect of the withdrawal of foreign money from this country and the need to maintain a greater degree of liquidity to meet any sudden call which a financial crisis might impose. On balance the changes have been smaller than might have been expected. The total advances of the "big five" and the three leading North of England banks, Martins, the District and Williams Deacon's, show that total advances at the end of the year amounted to £936,000,000 a decline of only about £4,000,000 on the year. Martins, the Midland and the District actually advanced increased sums, sufficient evidence that the customer was not unduly pressed to repay advances in a time when trade recession might have made the repayment of bank loans inconvenient.

Deposits

Deposits, which included part of the foreign money withdrawn from this country, fell rather more sharply. At £2,250,000,000 they show a decline of £84,000,000 or rather over 3 per cent. Martins, the Midland and the District again being exceptions to the general trend. Rather surprisingly the total of cash and items equivalent to cash shows a decline of £19,000,000 to £467,000,000. But this figure does not take account of the fact that higher cash ratios were held through most of the year.

Difficult Year

These figures show that the banks have come through a difficult year with credit to themselves and have provided the additional security which the occasion demanded at small sacrifice. They have been helped in so doing by the time lag which carried over some of the high earnings of 1937 into the early months of 1938. There is always a danger in times of declining trade that the banks may find their temporary advances hard to liquidate. The raw materials which they have undertaken to finance during manufacture may fail to pass into consumption. The danger was increased in the present instance by a reluctance on all hands either to admit the existence of the recession or to apply any pressure to secure the liquidation of advances. On the other hand, supplies of so many vital raw materials are now effectively regulated and so many branches of industry stimulated by rearmament that the bank chairmen have felt justified in claiming in their recent speeches that there is little danger of the recession becoming anything like as severe as its predecessor. The chief difference is the absence of the excessive raw material stocks which prolonged the 1931 depression.

The British banks operating overseas have been subject to much the same difficulties as the home banking institutions and have met them with the same efficiency except that for them the decline in the price of agricultural and other primary commodities has been a more serious problem, and the movement of foreign balances less significant in their most recent statements; many of them also show a fall in advances and an increase in the cash ratio. It is significant, however, that Barclays Bank (Dominion, Colonial and Overseas) has once again increased its profit and raised its total dividend for the year ended September 30 to 6½ per cent. compared with 6 per cent. in 1937.

Exchange Equalization Account

In the latter part of the year the pressure against the sterling exchange, caused in part by the withdrawal of foreign funds and in part by the continuance of an unfavourable trade balance, put severe strain on the Exchange Equalization Account and led to the replenishment of that account with a further £350,000,000 of gold from the Bank of England's holding. This has created still further problems for the joint stock banks since it has tended to curtail the volume of Treasury bills available for them, and has led the bank chairman in their recent speeches to lay still further stress on the need for re-expanding the volume of the floating debt.

U.S. Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Apr. 19.

The cotton market early advanced on trade buying and covering, but later declined on the appearance of southern and foreign liquidation and selling and hedging. However, the steadiness of May was a feature. Finally, with conditions dull, the market closed with quotations ruling from 5 points up to 5 points down, compared with yesterday's close.

Higher London advices and a better consumption outlook enhanced values in the rubber market today. Closing quotations were from 16 to 21 points up.

Wheat in Chicago ruled quietly steady on reports of continued good exports. However, conditions were narrow, and, at the final bell, prices ranged from unchanged to ⅛ cent up.

New York Cotton			New York Rubber		
May	8.23-24	+05	May	15.90-90	+18
July	7.83-84	—01	July	15.96-96	+21
Oct.	7.45-46	—03	Sept.	15.95-96	+17
Dec.	7.36-36	—05	Dec.	15.97-95	+16
Jan.	7.36-36	—05			
Mar.	7.41-41	—04			

New York Sugar No. 4			New York Silk		
May	1.32-32½ B/A	+5	May (No. 1)		
July	1.30½-31 B/A	+4½		2.51½-51½	+8

Chicago Wheat			Chicago Corn		
May	69⅛-63¼	+⅛	May	49⅛-49¼	+¼
July	67⅞-68	unc.	July	50½-50½	+⅜
Sept.	68¼-68¼	+⅛	Sept.	50⅛-51¼	+⅜

Winnipeg Wheat

May	61-61	+¼
July	62-62	+¼
Oct.	63⅛-63¼	+¼

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Shanghai Sumatra Dividend

At a meeting of the directors of the Shanghai-Sumatra Rubber Estates, Ltd., held at the office of the General Agents, Messrs. George McBain, 1, The Bund, Shanghai, on April 19, it was decided to recommend to the shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 9, that the balance of $64,050.47 at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended October 31, 1938, be dealt with as follows:—

To pay a dividend of $0.20 per share	$15,391.20
To write off buildings	2,750.00
To write off plant, machinery and water supply	750.00
To write off live stock and vehicles	250.00
To donate to British Forces Recreation Centre Fund ..	200.00
To place to general reserve, raising amount of same to $255,000.00	14,390.00
To carry forward to next account	30,319.27
	$64,050.47

New York Stocks Firmer

New York, Apr. 19.

Sentiment appeared more friendly toward the New York Stock Exchange today as the market developed a firm tendency but many remained on the sidelines pending Chancellor Adolf Hitler's reply to President Roosevelt's peace appeal.

Prices fluctuated early in the session after opening irregularly higher, but improved during the afternoon following reports that the British Ambassador to Berlin would soon return to his post.

Motors were active with Chrysler responding to the sharp gain in sales. Rails gained fractions of a point and featured Santa Fe. Farms, coppers, aviations and chemicals were strong and steels provided much of the volume. Utilities showed small gains.

Wall Street heard that important interests are attempting to prevent the appointment of Mr. Leon Henderson as new chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Tyre companies are doing a good business. Procter Gamble first quarter profits will be well ahead of 1938, it is understood.

Most European nations already have accumulated large copper reserves.

Favourable market factors today included:

1. Reports of the early return of the British Ambassador to Berlin.
2. Bell Telephone gains during the first two weeks of April were 20,000 ahead of the same period of last year.
3. The four leading railways are reporting that March business will show earnings above the previous two months.

Among the unfavourable factors were these:

1. The general European situation.
2. Steel demand is poor.
3. Scrap steel is weaker.
4. Electricity production is lagging.—United Press.

U. S. Crude Oil Production

New York, Apr. 19.

The daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended April 15 totalled 3,495,000 barrels, according to the weekly report of the American Petroleum Institute of New York, which was published today.

This compares with 3,444,000 barrels last week and 3,385,000 barrels during the week ended April 16 1938, showing decreases of 51,000 barrels and 110,000 barrels respectively, compared with the figure for the week under review.—Reuter.

Steel Production Off

New York, Apr. 19.

Steel production for the current week was estimated at 50½ per cent. of capacity by the magazine "Iron Age" today. The magazine said the slight decline from last week, when the figure was 51½ per cent., was perhaps the result of bringing production "into closer alignment with orders."

Foreign munitions buyers were said to have entered the American steel market this week for the first time since the beginning of the worldwide rearmament drive.—United Press.

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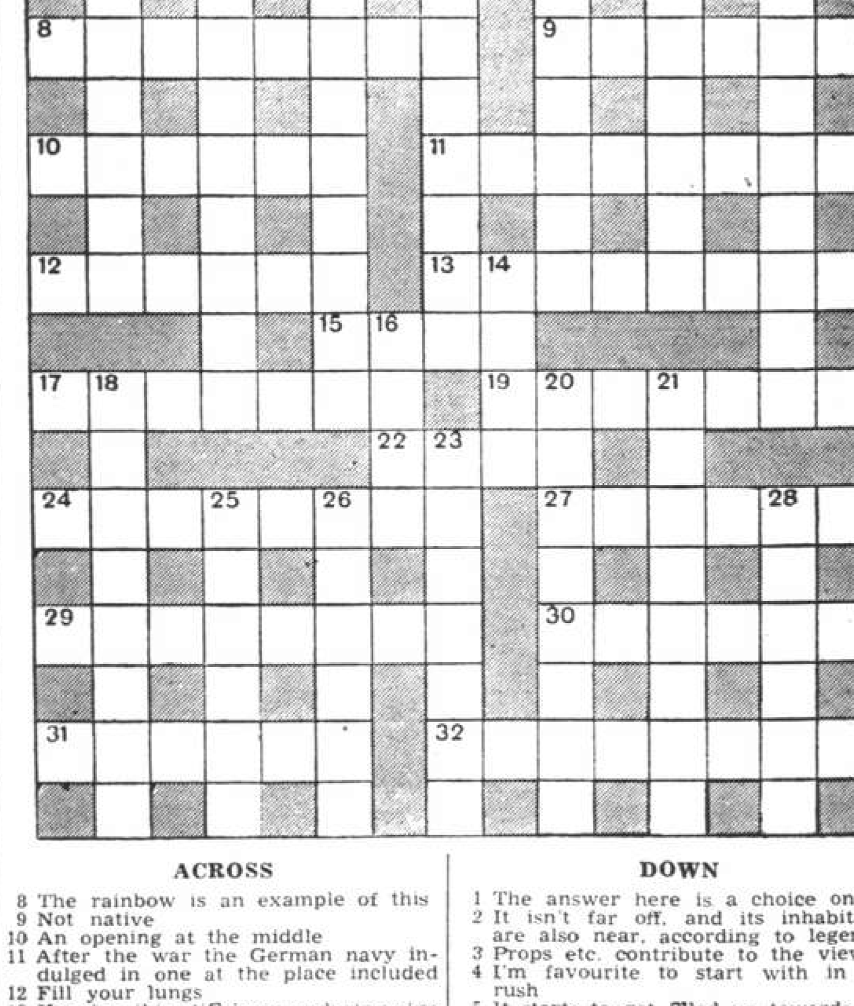

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8 The rainbow is an example of this
9 Not native
10 An opening at the middle
11 After the war the German navy indulged in one at the place included
12 Fill your lungs
13 Keeping this stiff is an enduring sign (two words)
15 A car makes it a corpse, an affair for the courts
17 Race and time that we have in Palestine
19 Would a serpent cross a road of this without stopping?
22 A broken lyre
24 Without the second letter this fish might cure his fellows
27 Any row can make a country
29 Weight is in tree to cause wonder
30 Penalize like a play on words?
31 Recover from uncle
32 A miss

DOWN

1 The answer here is a choice one
2 It isn't far off, and its inhabitants are also near, according to legend
3 Props etc. contribute to the view
4 I'm favourite to start with in the rush
5 It starts to get filled up towards the end of the afternoon
6 More than a single-barrelled name, surely
7 Its turn comes when it blows
14 This is ringing the changes
16 The sailor's job isn't this nautical
18 As wills must be, mostly tried
20 The general view
21 This of this without the fourth letter might be galling to a horse
23 Then use mixture to show zeal
25 Island well known in South Africa
26 It is altered in game but its 28 down is not easy to find
28 See 26 down

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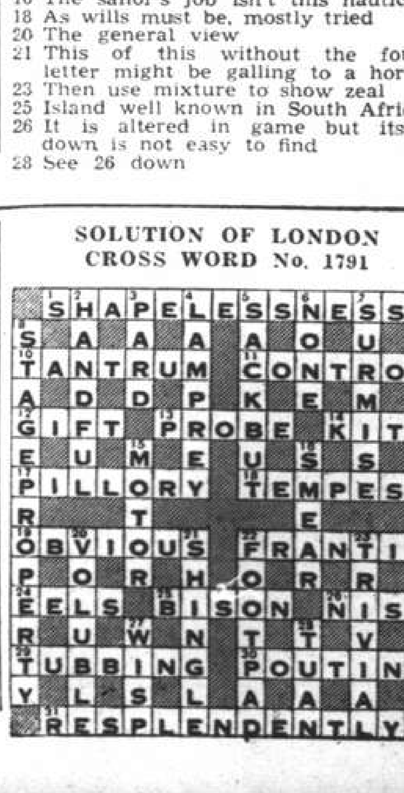

New Motor Buses To Be Purchased

Plans to Increase Number Of Vehicles in Service Revealed at Meeting

That a further 26 double deck and 21 single deck motor buses are to be put into service in Shanghai, delivery beginning in May at the rate of two per week, was revealed in the report submitted to the sixteenth annual general meeting of the China General Omnibus Co., Ltd. which was held yesterday at 4 p.m. in the offices of the general managers, Sassoon House. A total of 108,422 shares was represented.

Mr. C. J. Meager, chairman of the board of directors, expressed pleasure in presenting a report which shows a net profit of $612,064.46 on the year's operations. The following statements were contained in the report:

The abnormal conditions prevailing during the year placed an unusually heavy demand on the company's services. The bulk of the population of the International Settlement was still being accommodated in about half its area, and this position was further complicated by the large influx of refugees from neighbouring districts. Traffic which in the ordinary course of events, would have been operating throughout the whole of the Settlement was restricted to a much smaller area with the result that traffic congestion on the roads was intensified.

Even in normal times a certain amount of overcrowding of buses is inevitable. It is a problem common to traffic undertakings in large cities all over the world, and must continue so long as large numbers of people are all anxious to travel in the same direction at the same time.

New Buses Purchased

During the course of the year the company brought into commission eleven new buses of large seating capacity and orders were placed for a further twenty-six double deck and twenty-one single deck buses at a total cost of $2,920,000 (based on exchange 8½d.) Delivery will begin in May, and thereafter, new vehicles will be placed on service at the rate of two per week until the order has been completed.

Only minor alterations were made in the services operated during the year under review, but arrangements with the Shanghai Municipal Council have been completed for an extension of the company's route No. 14 along Avenue Foch and Great Western Road to the junction at Tunsin Road. This extension will be of convenience to the public, and will be put into operation as soon as vehicles are available. Arrangements have also been made for the opening of a new route, No. 16, from Ichang Road along Gordon Road, Chengtu Road, Race Course Road and terminating at Yu Ya Ching Road. Your directors feel this new service will provide an important new route of cross-town transportation.

Operation Costs Increase

Although the company has been unable to resume operations of the services north of Soochow Creek and east of Garden Bridge and whilst operation costs have increased considerably in such items as fuel, tyres and imported stores, the increased revenue from higher passenger carryings has compensated these increased costs, and it has not been necessary to raise fares, which are still on a remarkably low basis.

Mr. F. R. Davey and Mr. Li Ming, the directors retiring by rotation were re-elected directors of the company, and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were reappointed auditors of the company for the ensuing year at a fee of $3,000.

Brocklebank Line to Send Ships via Cape

Differences in War Risk Rates Reason for Move

London, Apr. 19.

One British steamship company, the Brocklebank Line, has decided to send certain ships on the Far Eastern route via the Cape instead of via the Suez Canal.

An official of the Line declared at Liverpool today that the reason was one of cost, depending upon war risk insurance. The only effective decision, he said, was to divert ships which usually went from India and the Far East via Suez to the United States.

Ships to the United Kingdom, he added, continue to use the Suez route, because the Government war risk insurance rates on this route were not higher than for the Cape route. Vessels proceeding from the Far East via Suez to the United States, the official pointed out, had to pay a war risk insurance rate of 35/- per cent., compared with 10/- via the Cape.—Reuter.

U.S. Not Returning Envoy to Berlin

Mr. Wilson to Remain in Washington for Present

Washington, Apr. 20.

Britain's decision to send her Ambassador back to Berlin is not expected to influence immediate similar action by the United States, Government circles indicated today.

State Department officials said there was "nothing new" to report regarding the status of Mr. Hugh Wilson, American Ambassador to Germany, who is in the United States on an indefinite leave of absence. Mr. Wilson, it was said, is acting in a consultative capacity at the State Department.

Informed quarters believed it unlikely that the State Department would act on the matter before Chancellor Adolf Hitler's reply to President Roosevelt's peace appeal on April 28.—United Press.

U.S. Senate Approve Air Bases Bill

Washington, Apr. 19.

The Senate today approved the National Defence Bill, authorizing the expenditure of $668,000,000 on naval air bases. The measure now returns to the House of Representatives for action on amendments.—Reuter.

Col. Lindbergh Reports For Duty with Army

Flier Assigned to Aid Air Corps Expansion

Washington, Apr. 20.

Col. Charles Lindbergh, reported for active duty with the Army here yesterday after evading newspapermen. Col. Lindbergh entered the War Department building by a side entrance and immediately reported to Brig.-Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army Aeronautical Board to whose office Col. Lindbergh has been assigned.

War Department quarters said they expected Col. Lindbergh to begin an inspection tour of the nation's air facilities within a few days. They expect his job to require about two weeks, but it is understood Col. Lindbergh will be detained for active service longer than that.

Col. Lindbergh was called to active duty in the Army on Tuesday after arriving in the United States last week from Paris. The Secretary of War, Mr. Harry Woodring, announced that the order for Col. Lindbergh to report for active duty with the Army was connected with the nation's vast air corps expansion programme.

Mr. Woodring said that Col. Lindbergh was being assigned to survey all aviation research facilities now available to the Army. At the completion of this survey he is to make a confidential report to the Aeronautical Board.

Col. Lindbergh's report, it was indicated, probably will incorporate all the pertinent information he has gathered in Europe recently regarding the air fighting strength of various European nations. Col. Lindbergh is thoroughly familiar with the air forces of the anti-Fascist bloc nations and has inspected the air forces of the Soviet Union and Germany.—United Press.

Wuhan Administration Inaugurated

Procession Sees Start of New Regime

Hankow, Apr. 20.

Six months after the fall of this erstwhile Chinese war capital, the Special Municipality of Wuhan came into being here today with 800,000 citizens of the three cities staging a mass parade to celebrate the birth of the new administration.

Designed to form the nucleus of a future régime to govern this area, will be headed by Mr. Chang Jen-li the newly-formed Special Municipality as mayor. Sometimes called the Chicago of China, Hankow was today gaily beflagged with five-barred Chinese ensigns and Rising Sun flags, while balloons floated in the sky over the arches spanning major thoroughfares.

As a mass procession, which started from the New Market plaza at 11 o'clock this morning, wended its way to the Municipality building, fire crackers added to the festive scene. Ten motor cars equipped with loud speakers roamed the streets broadcasting messages of felicitation.

Members of the new administration appeared on the terrace to respond to the cheering crowds as they filed past the building.

A large garden party was scheduled to be held in Kwangya Park, formerly Chungshan Park, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, with more than 1,000 Chinese and Japanese attending.—Domei.

Tokyo Not Perturbed By U.S. Navy Move

Spratley Isles Not to Be Used as Defence Line

Tokyo, Apr. 20.

Statements in Washington Congressional circles that the U. S. Fleet was transferred to the Pacific this week as a warning to Japan against further southward expansion apparently fell on deaf ears in the Navy Ministry here.

The Japanese Navy spokesman told correspondents today that Japan is not concerned over the transfer of the U. S. Fleet to the Pacific.

This move "only means that the Fleet is returning to its original base," the spokesman said. He failed to comment on the fact that the American Fleet is leaving the Atlantic two months earlier than originally planned.

The Navy spokesman said Japan has no intention of using the recently occupied Spratley islands in the capacity of a defence line. He said the islands have little strategic value. "That is why the other Powers were not interested in developing them before this," he said.—United Press.

East Included in U.S. President's Message

China Now Fighting for International Decency

London, Apr. 19.

Addressing the British and North American Luncheon Club today, Dr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador in London, expressed satisfaction at the fact that President Roosevelt, in his peace appeal, had been equally emphatic about Asia as he was about Europe.

Stressing China's grim fight for "international political decency," and for democracy, in keeping the Asiatic partner of the axis occupied, Dr. Quo added:—

"Faltering on the part of China would set the whole world still further out of its stride."—Reuter.

Electricity Output in U.S.

New York, Apr. 19.

Production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended April 15 totalled 2,171,000,000 kilowatt hours, according to the weekly statement of the Edison Electric Institute, which was published today. This indicated a gain of 10.9 per cent. over the corresponding week of last year, when the output totalled 1,958,000,000 kilowatt hours.

Electricity output during the previous week totalled 2,174,000,000 kilowatt hours, showing an increase of 9.2 per cent. over the corresponding week of last year.—Reuter.

Post Office Notices

Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is requested in order to make connection with the below-mentioned closing times.

(Last connecting time from Sub-Offices to Head Office is 19.35 on week days and 19.05 on Sunday).

Date and Destination	*Per*		*Reg.*	*Ord.*
FRIDAY, April 21.				
Japan Korea Formosa via Nagasaki	Shanghai M.		*20.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung	Tyosa M.		*20.00	7.30
Chefoo and Tientsin	Fooshing		7.30	8.00
Tsingtao	Tainan M.		8.00	8.30
Swatow and Hongkong	Taiyuan		8.30	9.00
Kwangtung	Taiyuan		8.30	9.00
Tsingtao Wei. C'foo T'tsin	Hoihow		12.30	13.00
H'kow Wuchang Hanyang	Daichi M.		13.30	14.00
Foochow	Shinyu		13.30	14.00
Nantung	Nantung M.		14.30	15.00
Central America and Canal Zone	Tai Ping Yang	AZ	—	—
Wenchow	Pelikan		16.30	17.00
Foochow	G. Padula	x	18.30	19.00
Aust. N.Z. and Indo-China	Tegelberg	x	19.00	20.00
Hongkong and Canton	Tegelberg	x	19.30	20.00
Wenchow	Elbhof		19.30	20.00
SATURDAY, April 22.				
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Shengking		*20.00	8.00
Tsingtao Wei. C'foo T'tsin	Shengking		7.30	8.00
Tsingtao and Dairen	Hoten M.		8.00	8.30
Swatow and Hongkong	Kwaisang		9.00	9.30
Kwangtung	Kwaisang		9.00	9.30
Foochow	Leesang		9.30	10.00
Indo-China (Z) via H'phong	Kiungchow	B	—	—
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Tejo		16.30	17.00
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	Nagasaki M.		20.00	20.00
SUNDAY, April 23.				
Swatow H'kong Haiphong	Kiungchow		*20.00	9.30
Kwantung	Kiungchow		*20.00	9.30
Swatow H'kong Haiphong	Wosang		10.00	10.00
Japan H'lulu U.S.A. Canada Europe via Pacific	Pres. Taft	cx	16.00	16.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for Central America and Canal Zone, closes at 16.00 on 21st.
B Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 22nd.
C Parcel mail for Honolulu and U.S.A., closes at 16.00 on 22nd.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Z Parcel mail only.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service (Hongkong-Bangkok-London and Hongkong-Bangkok-Singapore-Australia) per ss. Tegelberg, on April 21, at 7 p.m. for registered and at 8 p.m. for ordinary, and due Marseilles on April 30, and London on May 1.

Pan American Airways Service (Hongkong-San Francisco) per available steamer to Hongkong.

Air France (Hongkong-Marseilles) per ss. Canton on April 25, at 8 a.m. for registered and at 9 p.m. for ordinary, and due Marseilles on May 5, and London May 6.

Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per ss. Canton on April 25, at 8 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary, and due Amsterdam on May 9, and London on May 10.

Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per available steamer to Hongkong for transmission to Saigon.

Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service:—Air mails close daily at 8 p.m. for registered and ordinary.

Domestic Air Mail

Air Mails for Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line close daily at 12.00 (At Yuhang Road Sub-Office daily at 11.30 a.m.)

Air mails for Hankow per Shanghai-Hankow Air Line close daily at 10.30 p.m.

Air mails for Ningsia, Shensi, Szechwan, Yunnan, Kweichow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west thereof are to be forwarded to Hongkong for further transmission by the Hongkong-Chungking plane.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Via Siberia by steamer to Tientsin or Chinwangtao for transmission.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—

ss. Pres. Taft, via Pacific, April 23, due London May 24.
ss. Jean Laborde, via Suez, April 24, due London May 25.
ss. Canton, via Suez, April 25, due London May 27.

Passenger Lists

ARRIVALS

Per Leesang, April 19, from **Foochow and Wenchow:** Mrs. Collier, Mr. & Mrs. L. Sites, Rev. Vines, Rev. Baehr, Mr. Hwa, Mr. Yin, Mrs. W. H. Kimberley, Capt. Miller, Mr. Wang, Mr. Wang, Mr. Ling.

DEPARTURES

Per Fooshing, April 21, for **Tientsin and Ports:** Mr. & Mrs. Hatton and child, Mr. F. Zornow. Mr. K. T. Nyi, Mrs. Nyi, Mr. Pua Chih, Mr. D. Henchman, Sgt. D. McNair, Mrs. Henchman, Mr. A. C. Hutchison.

Per Taiyuan, April 21, for **Hongkong and Ports:** Hutchison.

Vessels Discharging

FRANKEN. The Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer Franken, from Bremen, Hamburg, Antwerp and Lisbon via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees are further notified that the steamer Franken has taken at Bremen and Hamburg through cargo for Shanghai ex steamer Bersel, Strauss, Lumme and Viking, from Oporto, Helsingfors, Kotka and Stockholm. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns to be borne by consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within (15) fifteen days after the vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo to be examined at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side by Messrs. Tesdorpf, Hannig & Co. on next Tuesday morning, April 25, 1939, at 9 a.m. Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen, General Agents: Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 21-4

KULMERLAND. From Hamburg, Bremen, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Genoa and via Ports.—This vessel is now discharging all her cargo, at the Old Ningpo Wharf, subject to the usual terms and conditions as shown on the Wharf Tariff. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees of "Bulk" cargo are further requested to send their represenatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst being landed. Damaged cargo will be examined at the Wharf on April 24, 1939, at 9.30 a.m. by the Surveyors, Tesdorff, Hannig & Co. No examination will be made after this date. All claims against this vessel must be sent in within fifteen days after the vessel's arrival. Claims sent in after this period will not be recognized. No Insurance will be effected. Hamburg-Amerika Linie Filiale Schanghai, No. 20 Canton Road. Tel. 18709. 21-4

MENESTHEUS. From Liverpool arrived on April 17, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on April 26, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Thursday, April 20, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 21-4

IVARAN. The Maersk Line m.s. Ivaran, from New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Los Angeles, Yokohama and Kobe via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Hunt's Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns to be borne by consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within (15) fifteen days after the vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo to be examined at the Hunt's Wharf by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes Davy on next Monday morning April 24. at 9 a.m. Maersk Line Agents: Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 22-4

TAMARA. The Swedish East Asiatic Co.'s m.s. Tamara, Captain W. E. Borgerud, is now discharging all her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Old Ningpo Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to be exchanged for delivery orders and take immediate delivery of their Goods. All claims against this Vessel must be sent in within ten days after completion of Vessel's discharge, or they will not be recognized. All risk of Fire at the Wharf and Godowns is to be borne by the Consignees of the cargo. Examination of damaged goods will take place at the Wharf on April 24, at 9.30 a.m. The Ekman Foreign Agencies, Ltd., Hamilton House, 170 Kiangse Road. Tel. 11330. 23-4

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From CAPETOWN: Tegelberg, with mail, due 5 a.m. Holt's Wharf. Passengers expected at Customs Jetty 8-9 a.m.

From DAIREN: Hoten Maru, with mail, due 3 p.m. Whangpoo Wharf.

From HONGKONG: Kiungchow, due p.m. French Bund.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GDYNIA		
Bellerophon	7/3	28/4
Antilochus	4/4	26/5
From COPENHAGEN		
Danmark	1/3	13/5
Africa	1/4	1/6
From OSLO		
Nanking	28/3	19/5
Trianon	17/3	29/5
Triton	17/4	12/6
From HAMBURG		
Gneisenau	18/3	24/4
Scharnhorst	15/4	19/5
Africa	15/4	1/6
From BREMEN		
Nordmark	7/3	22/4
Duisburg	21/3	15/5
Sauerland	4/4	25/5
Preussen	18/4	7/6
From ROTTERDAM		
Antilochus	12/4	26/5
From ANTWERP		
Gleniffer	4/3	4/5
Lippe	23/3	11/5
Elbe	9/4	12/5
Serooskerk	20/3	13/5
Glenshiel	18/3	14/5
Glenfinlas	1/4	27/5
Zuiderkerk	17/4	10/6
Glengarry	15/4	11/6
From GLASGOW		
Agamemnon	25/3	14/5
Sarpedon	8/4	25/5
From LIVERPOOL		
Diomed	11/3	23/4
Aeneas	18/3	1/5
Pyrrhus	25/3	9/5
Agamemnon	1/4	14/5
Achilles	8/4	21/5
Sarpedon	15/4	25/5
From LONDON		
Bangalore	4/3	22/4
Hakusan M.	17/3	24/4
Rajputana	24/3	30/4
Haruna M.	31/3	8/5
Ranchi	6/4	14/5
Bhutan	1/4	15/5
Katori M.	14/4	23/5
Behar	15/4	24/5
Glenfinlas	15/4	27/5
Ranpura	21/4	28/5
From MARSEILLES		
P. Doumer	14/4	12/5
Katori M.	21/4	23/5
Sarpedon	21/4	25/5
From GENOA		
C. B'camano	29/3	25/4
G. Ceasar	20/4	15/5
Sauerland	21/4	25/5
From TRIESTE		
Arabia	20/2	23/4
C. Rosso	12/4	7/5
Himalaya	20/3	9/5
From PORT SAID		
Lippe	9/4	11/5
Pres. Doumer	18/4	12/5
Danmark	2/4	13/5
Serooskerk	11/4	13/5
Ranchi	19/4	14/5
Nanking	15/4	19/5
Trianon	14/4	29/5
From SUEZ		
Haruna M.	14/4	8/5
Glenshiel	13/4	14/5
Duisburg	13/4	15/5
From ADEN		
C. Rosso	19/4	7/5
Bhutan	17/4	15/5
From BOMBAY		
Melbourne M.	3/4	30/4
From KARACHI		
Mansei M.	10/4	8/5
Himalaya	13/4	9/5
From SINGAPORE		
Gneisenau	17/4	24/4
Rajputana	21/4	25/4
Bellerophon	17/4	28/4
Aeneas	20/4	1/5
Gleniffer	20/4	4/5
From SOERABAIA		
Tjinegara	7/4	25/4
Malay Prince	20/4	27/4
From MANILA		
Pres. Taft	17/4	23/4
C. B'camano	21/4	25/4
Agapenor	18/4	28/4
Foylebank	19/4	30/4
From HONGKONG		
See "China Ports" below.		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK		
C. Athens	18/2	23/4
Niel Maersk	10/3	27/4
Malay Prince	9/3	27/4
Agapenor	27/2	28/4
Foylebank	6/3	30/4
Laura Maersk	25/3	10/5
Silversandal	23/3	12/5
C. Pittsburg	16/3	13/5
Dardanus	27/3	19/5
S. Scientist	3/4	23/5
P. Maersk	8/4	24/5
Lossiebank	6/4	26/5
Chi. Prince	11/4	27/5
C. of Derby	18/4	15/6
From SAVANNAH		
Chi. Prince	14/4	27/5
From PANAMA		
P. Maersk	19/4	24/5
From VANCOUVER		
Talthybius	10/4	2/5
Emp. Japan	14/4	2/5
From SEATTLE		
Talthybius	2/4	2/5
From LOS ANGELES		
Niel Maersk	1/4	27/4
Tatuta M.	27/3	29/4
Laura Maersk	15/4	10/5
From SAN FRANCISCO		
Silversandal	11/4	12/5
Dardanus	19/4	19/5
From HONOLULU		
Emp. Japan	19/4	2/5
From HONGKONG		
See "China Ports" below.		
From YOKOHAMA		
Ramses	20/4	26/4
Tatuta M.	14/4	29/4
Hector	21/4	29/4
From NAGASAKI		
Nagasaki M.	21/4	22/4
From KEELUNG (Formosa)		
Hukuken M.	23/4	25/4

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN		
Ruys	19/4	27/5
From MELBOURNE		
Tanda	1/4	11/5
From BRISBANE		
Tanda	17/4	11/5

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN		
Liangchow	19/4	23/4
Dairen M.	23/4	25/4
Ramses	16/4	26/4
Kina	13/4	27/4
From TIENTSIN		
Hunan	21/4	24/4
Sinkiang	19/4	25/4
Shuntien	23/4	26/4
Taisang	24/4	27/4
Yatshing	24/4	27/4
From AMOY		
Tjinegara	20/4	25/4
From HONGKONG		
Bangalore	18/4	22/4
Nordmark	18/4	22/4
Arabia	21/4	23/4
C. Athens	15/4	23/4
Diomed	15/4	23/4
Mingsang	19/4	23/4
Pres. Taft	21/4	23/4
Szechuen	19/4	23/4
Hakusan M.	21/4	24/4
Tsinan	19/4	24/4
Fausang	20/4	25/4
Esang	23/4	27/4
Kwangtung	23/4	27/4
Kingyuan	25/4	29/4
Taksang	26/4	30/4

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

FOOSHING Apr. 21. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Buoys 19-20 on Friday, April 21, at 11 a.m. Tender from Customs Jetty 10 a.m. Friday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 21-4

HOIHOW Apr. 22. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN. — From French Bund on Saturday, April 22, at noon. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 22-4

SHENGKING Apr. 22. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN. — From French Bund on Saturday, April 22, at 10 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 22-4

ISABEL MOLLER Apr. 23. CHINWANGTAO DIRECT.—The Kailan Mining Administration will despatch the steamer Isabel Moller, Captain Conway, on Sunday, April 23, 1939. For freight or passage apply to the Agent, 30 Foochow Road. Tel. 11070. 23-4

HSIN PEKING Apr. 25. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Tuesday, April 25, at 2 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 25-4

MINGSANG Apr. 25. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, April 25, at 6.30 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 24-4

DAHPU Apr. 26. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Wednesday, April 26. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 26-4

FAUSANG Apr. 27. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, April 27. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 27-4

ESANG Apr. 29. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, April 29. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 29-4

SOUTH CHINA COAST

LEESANG Apr. 21. FOOCHOW, HSINGWHA and WENCHOW.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Friday, April 21, at noon. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 21-4

TAIYUAN Apr. 21. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Friday, April 21, at 11.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 21-4

KWAISANG Apr. 22. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, April 22, at noon. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 22-4

Vessels Leaving

SOUTH CHINA COAST

KIUNGCHOW Apr. 23. SWATOW, HONGKONG KWONGCHOWWAN, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, April 23, at noon. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 23-4

WOSANG Apr. 23. SWATOW, HONGKONG and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Sunday, April 23, at 1 p.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 23-4

HUNAN April 25. HONGKONG.—Leaves on Tuesday, April 25, at 2 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 25-4

LIANGCHOW Apr. 25. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Tuesday, April 25, at 2 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 25-4

SZECHUEN Apr. 25. AMOY and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Tuesday, April 25, at 2 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 25-4

TSINAN Apr. 26. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Wednesday, April 26, at 6 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 25-4

TJINEGARA Apr. 27. AMOY, HONGKONG, MANILA, CEBU, MENADO, MACASSAR, BALI, SOERABAIA and JAVA N.C.—The J.C.J.L. ms. Tjinegara sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Thursday, April 27, taking cargo to Java and transhipment in Java. Excellent passenger accommodation. Through tickets issued to European, Australian and African Ports. For particulars apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 26-4

YATSHING Apr. 29. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, April 29. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 29-4

TAISANG Apr. 30. SWATOW, HONGKONG and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Sunday, April 30. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For Freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 30-4

JAPAN

DIOMED Apr. 22. KOBE, OSAKA, YOKOHAMA.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 22-4

GNEISENAU Apr. 25. YOKOHAMA and KOBE.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., general agents, N.D.L., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 25-4

STRAITS AND EUROPE

CANTON Apr. 25. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, COCHIN, ADEN, PORT SUDAN, SUEZ, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Hand packages only accepted by the Tender. Heavy Baggage received into Lighter at Customs Jetty between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, April 24, Customs Permit required for any nailed cases. For Freight and Passage Apply to :—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 25-4

JEAN LABORDE Apr. 25. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 French Bund. Tel. 82034. 25-4

RAMSES Apr. 26. GENOA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM and HAMBURG via PORTS.—(Captain J. Falke), on or about April 26, 1939. For freight and passage please applly to Hamburg-Amerika Linie, Filiale Shanghai, 20 Canton Road. Tel. 18709. 26-4

SONTAY Apr. 29. ORAN, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, ANTWERP, DUNKIRK via ADEN and PORT SAID.—For particulars apply to Messageries Maritimes, 9 Quai de France. Tel. 82034. 29-4

HECTOR Apr. 30. MARSEILLES, LONDON, ROTTERDAM and GLASGOW.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 30-4

GLENAPP May 2. CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and ANTWERP via HONGKONG and STRAITS.—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents, Glen Line Ltd. Tel. 15290. 2-5

GNEISENAU May 4. GENOA, SOUTHAMPTON, ROTTERDAM, BREMEN and HAMBURG via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, BELAWAN, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., general agents, N.D.L., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 4-5

SHANTUNG May 4. ALGIERS, ORAN, CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, COPENHAGEN, OSLO, and GOTHENBURG via HONGKONG.—The Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.'s m s. "Shantung" will leave Shanghai on or about May 4, for the above mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading to all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. Cargo for U.K. ports accepted on Optional Bs/L. For freight and passage please apply to The Ekman Foreign Agencies Ltd., Hamilton House, Foochow Road Entrance. Tel. 11330. 4-5

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CARTHAGE May 9. BOMBAY, MARSEILLES and LONDON via HONGKONG, STRAITS and CEYLON.—For freight and passengers apply to Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. 11428. 9-5

AMERICA

GOYO M. Apr. 27. MAIDEN TRIP for NEW YORK, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA and BALTIMORE via SAN FRANCISCO and LOS ANGELES.—For Freight please apply to Showa Shipping Co., Ltd., 130 Hankow Road. Tel. Nos. 18650 and 16118. 27-4

ANNA MAERSK May 1. Via JAPAN for LOS ANGELES and via PANAMA to NEW YORK, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, SAVANNAH and NORFOLK.—For Freight and Passage apply to Melchers & Co., Agents, Maersk Line, 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 1-5

SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA

TEGELBERG Apr. 22. MAURITIUS, REUNION, TAMATAVE, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, CAPETOWN, MOSSEL BAY, PORT ELIZABETH, EAST LONDON, ZANZIBAR and MOMBASA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SAIGON, BANGKOK, (Kok-Si-Chang) SINGAPORE and BATAVIA.—The K.P.M. Line ms. Tegelberg sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Saturday, April 22. Cargo accepted for all ports in South, East and West Africa, also East Coast of South America. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Agents, K.P.M. Line, Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 22-4

Weather, Time and Tide

Friday, April 21, 1939 (2nd day of 3rd moon)	SICCAWEI April 19 16.00	April 19 21.00	April 20 4.00	April 20 9.00
Barometer inches	29.85	29.89	29.86	29.89
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.01	—0.02	—0.02	—0.03
at 32 F. (,, ,, 12 hrs.)	—0.03	—0.03	+0.0[illegible]	0.00
Wind (direction)	W	NNE	NNE	E
,, (miles per hour)	1.9	6.2	2.5	2.5
Temperature (Fahr.)	61.2°	57.7°	57.9°	61.3°
Humidity %	93	100	100	96
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	10
Rainfall inches	—	—	0.01	0.01

Siccawei Abridged Report April 19	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	29.89	—0.01	29.97
Temp. Min. 54.°3 Max. 63.°0	58.°6	+0.°5	57.°7
Total rainfall January to 1 midnight before last (inches)	11.21	0.01	9.80

Time and Tide	21/4	22/4	23/4	24/4	25/4
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.21	5.20	5.19	5.18	5.16
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.26	18.27	18.27	18.28	18.29
Moon rises at Shanghai	6.14	7.02	7.53	8.49	9.50
Moon sets at Shanghai	20.05	21.04	22.02	22.57	23.48
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	11.26	12.15	12.41	13.20	14.08
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	16.40	17.15	17.50	6.15	7.00
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	13.01	13.37	14.07	14.55	15.38
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Gran	Foochow	Wallem
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Wosang	Tientsin	Jardine
Talien	Tsungming	Wan Woo
Shanghai M.	Japan	N.Y.K.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	*Flag*	*Despatcher*
Karsten	Ger.	Chin Dah
Hertha	Ger.	G.F.E.
Luise	Ger.	Keh Lee
Alexandra	Br.	Young's Shp.
Patti	Ital.	Chang Yuen
Tungwo	Br.	Jardine
Talien	Jap.	Wan Woo
Asama M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
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Kiangting	Ger.	Foo Hwa
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BJ	Boyd's Jetty	P 6
CMCW	China Merchants' Central	S 5
CMEW	China Merchants' Eastern	P 10
CMLW	China Merchants' Lower	S 7
CNCBs	China Nav. Co. Buoys	S 2
CNCW	China Nav. Co. Wharf	S 2
CNPW	C.N. Co. Pootung Wharf	S 2
COCW	China Oil Co. Wharf	P LS.
CosD	Cosmopolitan Dock	P 11
CosDW	Cosmo. Dock Wharf	P 11
GJ	Garden Jetty	S 5
HSW	Hoong Shin Wharf Co.	P 1
HtsW	Hunt's Wharf	S 6
HWYK	Holt's Yang King	P 10
IntD	International Dock	P 11
IntDW	Int. Dock Wharf	P 11
JNJ	Japanese Naval Jetty	P 8
KLYBs	Kinleeyuen Buoys	S 1 & 2
KLYW	Kinleeyuen Wharf	S 1 & 2
KMAW	Kailan Wharf	P 10
KPW	Kaiyosha Pootung	P 10
KSD	Kiousin Dock	S1
KW	Kwanghua Oil Co.	P LS.
MBKUW	M.B.K. Upper Wharf	P 8
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MW	Mollers' Wharves	S6
NKKW	Nisshin Kisen Whf.	P US
NSCW	Ningshao Co. Wharf	S 1
NYKMW	N.Y.K. Mail Wharf	S 5
NYKPW	N.Y.K. Pootung Wharf	P 10
OD	Old Dock	S 6
ONW	Old Ningpo Wharf	S 7 & 8
OSKYW	O.S.K. Yangtszepoo	S 8
OW	Outside Woosung	
PWE	Pootung Wharf East, Ewo	P 9
PWW	Pootung Wharf West, Ewo	P 9
QA	Quarantine Anchorage	
SHW	S'hai & H'kew Whf.	S 6 & 7
SOCW	Standard Oil Wharf	P LS.
TDW	Tai Dong Wharf	S 8
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WSW	Wayside Wharf	S 8
WTW	Watung Wharf	S 1
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A	AENEAS	Liverpool	May 1	May 2	Tsingtao and Taku
C	TALTHYBIUS	Pacific Coast	May 2	May 5	Hongkong
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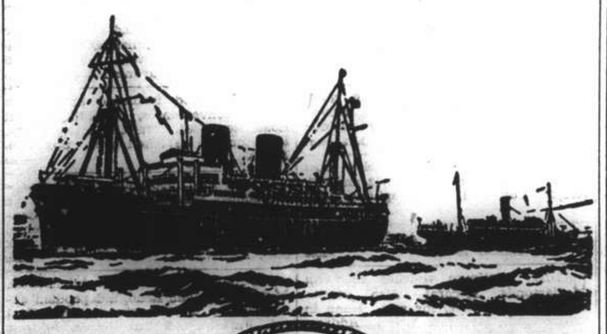

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May 26	May 29	May 31	Pres. Doumer Aramis	June 3	May 22	May 23
					June 5	June 6

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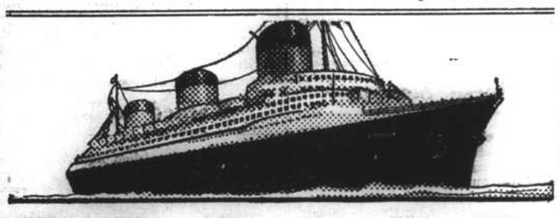

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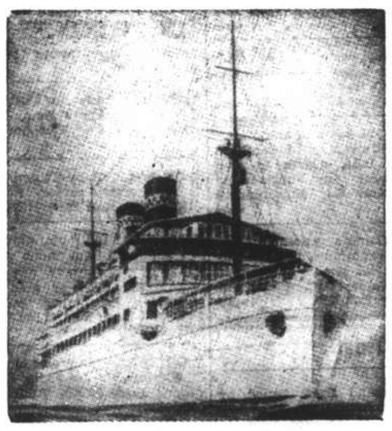

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Intense Diplomatic Activity Marks International Lull

London, Moscow, Berlin and Rome Centre Rival Groups; Bulgaria Changing Stand

London, Apr. 20.

THERE has never been a busier international lull than at present, comments the diplomatic correspondent of "The Times," in reviewing the comings and goings of the kings, rulers and diplomatists while the world awaits Herr Hitler's answer to President Roosevelt's peace proposals. These visits, the correspondent points out, fall into three main groups. The British and French contacts, stretching out to Moscow and to Ankara, with several main branches from Poland and throughout the Balkans, are described as "all progressing well." In the second group are the German and Italian interviews, "made all the easier by Herr Hitler's birthday celebrations today that are drawing bidden guests from all parts of central and south-eastern Europe." Thirdly, continues the correspondent, there are the distinctly Italian contacts, "which need not automatically be included in the accepted German-Italian scheme—contacts, for example, with Count Paul Teleki, the Hungarian Premier, publicly in Rome, and with the Yugoslav Government quietly in Belgrade."

Reports of dramatic new moves by Soviet Russia are given currency by this morning's papers. M. Stalin, according to an article in the "News-Chronicle," sent for the Soviet Ambassadors in Paris and Berlin, and the Soviet Minister in Stockholm, as well as M. Ivan Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador in London. All four diplomats, it is reported, will arrive in Moscow today for a conference at which Russia's attitude towards a pact with the Western Powers will be discussed.

When the Paris and Berlin envoys were on their way through Poland, they are reported to have been met by the Soviet Chargé d'Affaires in Warsaw, who reported to them on Poland's attitude regarding co-operation with Russia.

According to the Paris correspondent of the "Daily Mail," Russia, in return for co-operation against aggression in Eastern Europe, will ask for British and French support if the Soviet is attacked by Japan.

The Warsaw correspondent of "The Times" reports that M. Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, has recently been trying to elucidate with the Foreign Ministers of the Baltic States whether they would welcome active assistance from the Soviet in case their independence is threatened and what form such assistance should take.

Whatever may be the result of these or other developments arising from the Soviet's important new role in European affairs, there is at least general agreement among political and other commentators in this morning's papers, that the British and French approaches are making good progress.—Reuter.

Bulgaria Changes View

London, Apr. 19.

Reports from Bulgaria held the greatest interest for diplomatic quarters here today, for it was stated that Sofia, under pressure from Turkey, was favouring adherence to the Balkan Entente which would probably be revised and transformed into a defensive alliance.

Bulgaria is now ready to allow Turkish troops across its territory if Ankara wishes to send forces to stem aggression.

Negotiations are at present also being conducted between Sofia and Athens, it was reported, for Bulgaria seeks an outlet to the Aegean Sea.

Moscow Watches Berlin

Moscow does not exclude the possibility of a German coup against Danzig on the occasion of Herr Adolf Hitler's 50th birthday tomorrow, reports from the Soviet capital indicated today. Soviet quarters also doubt Poland's intentions to link her fate to Rumania's in resisting any eventual German aggression. A bad impression was made in Moscow by Warsaw's repeatedly-reported offer to parley directly with Berlin on the Danzig question, the same despatches added.

The Soviet press meanwhile insists on collective security and collective resistance to aggression.

Red Army to Fight Capitalists

Reports from foreign quarters in Moscow note that a German-language broadcast made by a Soviet radio station on April 16 asserted that while "Russia is naturally an enemy of Fascism, she is also the enemy of Franco-British capitalism" and that "if war breaks out, the Soviet Army and Navy will intervene only in the interests of the world proletariat."

The War Commissar, Marshal Clementi Voroshilov, is just back in Moscow from a three-week inspection tour of the western frontiers, and manœuvres are understood to have taken place along the frontiers bordering on the Baltic nations.

Foreign observers also recall the significant statement made recently by M. L. Z. Meklis, Commissar for the Army, who stated, "Russia does not need mobilization or a foreign alliance to make her feel strong."—Havas.

Chungking Follows Europe Drama

Tendency to Fight Shy Of Britain Seen; Peace Talks Not Wanted

Chungking, Apr. 20.

Developments in Europe are being given great prominence in Chinese papers here and are viewed by commentators in the light of their repercussions on the course of events in the Far East.

The gist of the comments is that China will not allow anything that may happen in other parts of the world to influence her resolution to carry on the war with Japan. With this in mind, China is by no means prepared to listen to any proposals of foreign advisers unless these are in accord with the demands and requirements of the Chinese people.

Political quarters here are inclined to see in these comments the beginnings of change of policy towards Britain. Despite British financial assistance there is a marked tendency to sheer away from Britain, as it is feared that Britain would be prepared to sacrifice her support of China in favour of a policy designed to bring Japan into line with her plans for the "encirclement" of the totalitarian powers in Europe. Even the statement made by General Chiang Kai-shek on Tuesday is being interpreted both by the press and the general public as meaning that China is at present not in a mood to listen to peace talks.

Opinion here differs as to whether a war in Europe would turn out to China's advantage. Most commentators contend that China would have little to gain unless both the Soviet Union and the United States were drawn into the conflict. Such a contingency is however held to be very remote.—Trans-Ocean.

Professor Wittenberg's Violin Recital

After Wednesday's violin recital it is impossible not to bring to mind the old proverb about an ill wind. The blast certainly did a good job here, and if it blows artists of the calibre of Professor Wittenberg to our muddy but not unhospitable shores, who are we to grumble. Indeed we rejoice, for we have gained and the "Have Nots" have merely contrived another instance towards justification and perpetuation of their title.

This player brought to the A.W.C. an art which, for Shanghai, is novel and stimulating. Not that this means it is in any way strange; on the contrary, Professor Wittenberg is a proud (or he should be) disciple of that grand old classical school of violinists with which Joachim had so much to do. One glance at the programme gave the clue, and also the right to expect a rare quality in fiddling.

We were not disappointed. Purity of style without pedantry; a luscious and yet ever dignified tone; ample technical resources duly relegated to their correct place, these are the qualities in the main of Wittenberg. Here, one felt, was the aspect of a gentleman playing the violin, and providing technique is intact, one could not wish for more.

No Sugary Solutions

The programme commenced with Beethoven, continued through Mozart, Schumann and Dvorak to Brahms. There was thus no place in this musical scheme for the numerous sugary solutions of meditations and souvenirs with which violinists of less eminence are wont to macerate the ears of the gallery,

("Playing to the Gallery,"—) what a misnomer after all, for this part of the house contains much unerring discernment, which can be made painfully so).

Although mention of the contribution of the pianiste, Mme Lerman-Vitenson, is left to the end, it does not deserve that position. Her playing was at all times sensitive and intelligent, and she partnered the soloist in an ideal manner.

As a last thought, the collaboration of this violinist with the Municipal Orchestra might be fruitful. It is some considerable time since we heard the Beethoven Violin Concerto, and in any case pianists and singers have largely had the stage to themselves this season.—H.

Bill for 15,000 Civil Air Pilots in U.S.

Washington, Apr. 19.

A Bill authorizing the Civil Aeronautics Authority to start the immediate primary training of 15,000 civilian air pilots was passed by the House of Representatives today. The Bill was forwarded to the Senate.—Reuter.

Gen. Abe for Manchoukuo

Tokyo, Apr. 20.

En route to North China and Manchoukuo, via Kobe and Tientsin, Gen. Nobuyuki Abe left here for Kobe at 10 o'clock this morning.—Domei.

Reformed Government Official Stabbed

Attacked by Youth Near Yu Yuen Road

Another attempted political murder was committed in Chinese territory near Yu Yuen Road shortly after noon on Wednesday when an unidentified youth stabbed a "Reformed Government" official in his home and escaped, according to a Chinese report. The official was so severely injured in the head that he might die.

The official in question was reported to be Mr. Yang Chi-kwan, director of a tax bureau of the new Nanking administration who lived at 1010 Yu Yuen Road near Edinburgh Road.

The Chinese youth broke into his residence and made his way direct into his room on the third floor. Without saying a word he stabbed Mr. Yang with a knife. The victim was stabbed many times in the head and eyes and other parts of the body and, thinking that he had completed his mission, the youth escaped leaving the knife behind.

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